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***Clouds, added crews aid
fight against Idaho blaze***

Fire creeps above the Wood River in Hailey where hotshots continue to battle the Beaver Creek Fire Sunday Aug. 18, 2013.

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Egypt: 36 killed in botched prison truck escape

MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian police fired tear gas Sunday in an attempt to free a guard from rioting detainees, killing at least 36 as the country's military leader vowed to tolerate no more violence after days of clashes that killed nearly 900 people.

The deaths of the prisoners, captured during the fierce fighting in recent days around Cairo's Ramses Square, came as Gen. Abdel-Fatah el-Sissi also called for the inclusion of Islamists in the government. Meanwhile, security forces detained Muslim Brotherhood

en officer, the officials said. The officials said those killed died from suffocating on the gas.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to journalists.

However, the officials' version of event contradicted reports about the incident carried by state media. The official website of Egyptian state television reported that the deaths took place after security forces clashed with militants near the prison and detainees came under fire while trying to escape. The official MENA state news agency also said the trucks came

killed 79 people, according to a government tally released Sunday and carried by MENA. That raised the death toll for four days of unrest across the country to nearly 900 people killed. Some 70 police officers were killed in clashes with protesters or retaliatory attacks during the same period, according to the Interior Ministry.

The clashes began Wednesday when security forces dismantled two encampments in Cairo of Morsi supporters, who demanded his reinstatement. The military overthrew Morsi in a bloodless July 3 coup after millions took to the



Supporters of ousted president Mohammed Morsi pray at the al-Rayyan mosque in Cairo, Aug. 18, 2013. Morsi supporters and backers of the military prepared to test each side's resolve as the Islamists announced another series of marches and rallies on Sunday.

(Bryan Denton/The New York Times)

members in raids aimed at stopping more planned rallies supporting ousted President Mohammed Morsi — which the military-backed government says fuels the violent unrest.

The suspects killed were part of a prison truck convoy of some 600 detainees heading to Abu Zaabal prison in northern Egypt, security officials told The Associated Press. Detainees in one of the trucks rioted and managed to capture a police officer inside, the officials said.

Security forces fired tear gas into the truck in hopes of freeing the badly beat-

under attack from gunmen.

State media also said all those killed and the gunmen belonged to the Muslim Brotherhood, the organization that Morsi hails from. The officials who spoke to AP said some of the detainees belonged to the Brotherhood, while others didn't.

The differences in the accounts could not be immediately reconciled Sunday night.

The violence adds to the ever-rising death toll in days of unrest. On Saturday alone, clashes between Morsi supporters and police

street demanding him to step down.

Egypt's military-backed interim government declared a state of emergency after Wednesday's clashes and imposed a curfew, turning the capital into a ghost town after 7 p.m. every night. The government also began taking harsher measures to crippling the Brotherhood.

Security forces arrested hundreds of Muslim Brotherhood members early Sunday morning in raids on their homes in different cities, aimed at disrupting planned rallies to support Morsi. □

CARIBBEAN NEWS BRIEFS

Puerto Rico to renew debate on political status

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The party of Puerto Rico's governor is pushing for a constitutional assembly to help resolve the U.S. territory's political status. Members of the Popular Democratic Party expect to debate the issue Sunday at their annual convention. The proposal states that a constitutional assembly should be held if President Barack Obama's administration does not present a Congress-approved measure to resolve the status within a year. The White House is seeking \$2.5 million to finance a future plebiscite that the U.S. attorney general would have to approve before it goes to voters. Puerto Rico also held nonbinding referendums in 1967, 1993 and 1998. □

59 Haitian migrants stranded near Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — U.S. agents this weekend detained 59 migrants they say were stranded on an island off the west coast of Puerto Rico. U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Ricardo Castrodad told The Associated Press that a group of people traveling through the area spotted the migrants on Desecheo Island and called authorities as soon as they realized the people were stranded. U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman Jeffrey Quinones said the migrants were Haitian and that there were 45 men and 14 women. The number of Haitian migrants trying to reach the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico has increased significantly in recent months. □

Barbados to cancel free university tuition plan

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP) — Barbados says it plans to stop paying tuition fees of local university students in a move to save \$21 million a year. Finance Minister Chris Sinckler says that starting next year, students at the three campuses of the University of the West Indies will have to pay their own tuition fees. He noted that the number of students attending the Cave Hill campus has increased from some 3,500 in 1999 to more than 7,000 this year. Tuition fees average about \$2,800 per semester for full-time students in most programs excluding medical sciences. Opposition legislators criticized the measure, saying that a free education is important to economic progress. □

Guyana couple gets 5 years for trafficking 4 girls

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — A Guyana court has imposed the maximum sentence on a couple for luring four girls to a remote jungle area and forcing them to work as prostitutes in a mining camp. Wesley Hart and common-law wife Candace Anderson were each sentenced to five years for taking the girls to Guyana's Cuyuni region to work as prostitutes. The children's exact ages were not immediately available. The girls were rescued by an association for women miners. Simona Broomes heads the association that travels to Guyana's mining camps to rescue underage girls working as prostitutes. The U.S. State Department this year honored Broomes for her work in fighting human trafficking. □

US Virgin Islands seek driver in fatal hit-and-run

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP) — Police in the U.S. Virgin Islands are looking for a hit-and-run driver who fatally struck a woman as she walked with her young son or grandson. The woman was struck by a Jeep at dawn Sunday as she walked with the 4-year-old boy in Christiansted, a town on the north shore of St. Croix. The motorist sped away. A passerby found the boy and rushed him to a police station. □

U.S. pushing to connect millions who live offline

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The Obama administration has poured billions of dollars into expanding the reach of the Internet, and nearly 98 percent of American homes now have access to some form of high-speed broadband. But tens of millions of people are still on the sidelines of the digital revolution.

"The job I'm trying to get now requires me to know how to operate a computer," said Elmer Griffin, 70, a retired truck driver from Bessemer, Ala., who was recently rejected for a job at an auto-parts store because he was unable to use the computer to check the inventory. "I wish I knew how, I really do. People don't even want to talk to you if you don't know how to use the Internet."

Griffin is among the roughly 20 percent of American adults who do not use the Internet at home, work and school, or by mobile device, a figure essentially unchanged since Barack Obama took office as president in 2009 and initiated a \$7 billion effort to expand access, chiefly through grants to build wired and wireless systems in neglected areas of the country.

Administration officials and policy experts say they are increasingly concerned that a significant portion of the population, around 60 million people, is shut off from jobs, government services, health care and education, and that the social and economic effects of that gap are looming larger.

Persistent digital inequality - caused by the inability to afford Internet service, disinterest or a lack of computer literacy - is also deepening racial and economic disparities in the United States, experts say.

"As more tasks move online, it hollows out the offline options," said John B. Horrigan, a senior research fellow at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. □

NYPD faces prospect of new oversight watchdogs

JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — After years of burnishing a reputation as one of the most potent police forces in the U.S., the New York Police Department appears poised to become one of the most closely monitored.

A federal judge this week said the department made thousands of racially discriminatory street stops and appointed a monitor to direct changes. And city lawmakers are readying for a final vote Thursday on creating an inspector general for the NYPD and widening the legal path for pursuing claims of police bias.

It's a one-two punch of outside tinkering that will muddy police work, a pair of complementary steps to protect civil rights or a rash of policymaking that may end up meaning little on the street, depending on who gets asked. But from any perspective, it would be the onset of a new era of oversight for the country's biggest police department, though its impact would be defined by particulars and politics still in play.

The federal ruling outlines but doesn't always detail reforms, and the city plans to appeal it. The City Council, if it succeeds in overriding a mayoral veto, would establish a monitor but not select the person or specify exactly what gets investigated. And a new mayor will take office next year, which could well mean new police leadership.

"The complexity, at this point, is that there are so many moving parts," said John Jay College of Criminal Justice professor Eugene O'Donnell, who isn't

involved in the litigation or legislation. "And it doesn't help that it became very adversarial."

Some other police forces, including the Los Ange-

les Police Department, also have had both court monitoring and an inspector general. The NYPD was under a 1980s federal consent decree that involved undercover and surveillance techniques, but this would be an unprecedented level of outside scrutiny for the agency.



People walk below a NYPD security camera which was placed next to a mosque on Fulton Street in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of New York's Brooklyn borough. After years of burnishing a reputation as one of the nation's most potent police forces, the NYPD appears poised to become one of the most closely monitored.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

Advocates see distinct roles for each of the prospective new NYPD watchdogs, who would have different scopes and powers. They wouldn't directly intersect, deriving their authority from different parts of government.

The court-appointed monitor could compel changes, via the judge, but only concerning stop and frisk. If the ruling stands after the expected appeal, the monitor will flesh out details

of U.S. District Court Judge Shira Scheindlin's calls for changes to officer training, supervision and discipline. The monitor also would keep tabs on specific initiatives Scheindlin required: revising forms that document stops and testing body-worn cameras for officers.

The inspector general could look at many aspects of policing — surveillance of Muslims or officers' response to the mentally ill, for instance. But the inspector could issue only recommendations, not orders, though the mayor or council could make them

mandatory.

The court's monitoring would end when the judge saw no further need for it, while the inspector general's position would be permanent. "Both are essential elements in creating transparency and accountability in the NYPD," said Chauniqua Young of the Center for Constitutional Rights, which brought the federal case and is among groups backing the city legislation.

But Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly have bitterly resisted the push to impose more outside input on the NYPD, pressure that built amid anger over the department's heavy use of the stop and frisk tactic and concerns about extensive NYPD surveillance of Muslims. The spying was disclosed in stories by The Associated Press.

The mayor and commissioner say police already get plenty of scrutiny from entities ranging from a 700-person internal investigations staff to a civilian complaint board. The new monitors would layer on confusing, overlapping oversight, the officials say. Bloomberg has raised the specter of the police force becoming so policed by watchdogs and lawsuits that officers might hesitate to defend themselves, with deadly consequences.

"I'd like to see you go to the funeral and explain to the family," he snapped at a news conference Monday. Kelly decried the court ruling during news show appearances Sunday; the judge has "indicted an entire police department... based on what we believe is very flimsy information," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation." □

Petition drive to recall San Diego mayor begins

JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The campaign to oust San Diego's embattled mayor is under way. Volunteers armed with clipboards and petitions fanned out through the coastal city

Sunday, hoping to collect thousands of signatures needed to authorize an election that could recall Mayor Bob Filner. The mayor is facing sexual harassment allegations. Campaign spokeswoman Rachel Laing says Filner

has abused his power and left City Hall in disarray and must be removed from office. The 70-year-old former congressman has resisted numerous calls to resign. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi says Filner should step aside and spare San

Diego the pain and expense of a recall election. Filner is set to return to work this week after undergoing behavior therapy. More than a dozen women have publicly accused Filner of making inappropriate statements or advances. □



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Prosecutors push for motive in Fort Hood trial

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Associated Press**

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — The prosecutors pursuing the death penalty against the Army psychiatrist ac-

soldiers in the worst mass shooting ever on a U.S. military base?

Both sides offered a few hints so far. Although he's been mostly silent in the courtroom, Hasan used his

ing he believed he could be a martyr. Military prosecutors opened the trial by saying they would show that Hasan felt he had a "jihad duty," referring to a Muslim term for a religious

How much they can say to jurors, however, may be limited by the judge. Even though plenty of information about Hasan's extremist views has been published outside the courtroom since the rampage, the 13 military officers on the jury said they had not closely followed the case and wouldn't read news coverage during the trial. Prosecutors asked the military judge, Col. Tara Osborn, on Friday to approve evidence and several witnesses to explain Hasan's mindset. Such evidence includes references to Hasan Akbar, a Muslim soldier sentenced to death for attacking fellow soldiers in Kuwait during the 2003 Iraq invasion. Prosecutor Col. Steve Henricks told Osborn that Hasan had shown interest in Akbar's case and prosecutors wanted to prove Hasan's attack was a "copycat." The skeptical judge told Henricks she didn't want to hold a "mini-trial" of Akbar and asked how he would introduce the case to jurors.

Henricks has alleged that besides his so-called "jihad duty," Hasan was looking for ways to get out of deploying to Afghanistan, and he said witnesses could include former classmates who heard him talking about suicide bombers. Prosecutors also said they wanted to introduce three emails, but they didn't disclose details. The FBI has said Hasan sent numerous emails starting in December 2008 to Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical U.S.-born Islamic cleric killed by a drone strike in Yemen in 2011. Osborn promised to rule Monday on what prosecutors could present. While prosecutors clearly have an advantage in how much evidence is on their side, the 13-officer jury must be unanimous in convicting Hasan of premeditated murder and for approving a death sentence.

Settlement made in Sandusky-Penn State sex scandal

**MARK SCOLFORO
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HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania (AP)** — A young man who testified he was sexually

abused by a former Penn State University assistant football coach will get a reported multimillion-dollar payout in the first of what is expected to be dozens of settlements between the university and Jerry Sandusky's accusers.

The Philadelphia Inquirer first reported Saturday that the young man known as "Victim 5," who took the stand at Sandusky's criminal trial and sentencing last year, settled for several million dollars.

Sandusky, 69, is serving a 30- to 60-year state prison sentence for child molestation and related offenses. He spent three decades at Penn State under the legendary former head coach Joe Paterno, who led one of the most renowned college football programs in the U.S. Sandusky met some of his victims through The Second Mile, a charity for at-risk youth which he continued to operate after he retired from Penn State in 1999.

Attorney Tom Kline confirmed the deal to The Associated Press on Saturday, but would not specify the dollar amount. He said the parties signed off on the agreement Friday.

Kline said his 25-year-old client was relieved and expected to receive the money within a month. The man identified himself for his testimony, but AP generally does not identify people who are victims of sex crimes.

The newspaper reported the deal is the first of 26 settlements expected soon among 31 young men who have pressed claims over Sandusky's actions and the school's response. □



Retired Staff Sgt. Alonzo Lunsford describes one of his wounds from the 2009 Fort Hood shooting rampage, at his home in Lillington, N.C. Victims and others are asking why the November 2009 attack at Fort Hood is being tried as a case of workplace violence and not as an act of terror.
(AP Photo/Chuck Burton)

cused in the 2009 Fort Hood shooting rampage will soon begin trying to answer a difficult but key question: Why did Maj. Nidal Hasan attack his fellow

brief opening statement to tell jurors he had "switched sides" in what he called America's war with Islam and he later leaked documents to the media show-

war or struggle. After calling almost 80 witnesses over two weeks, prosecutors said Friday they would begin tackling the question of motive this week.

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Clouds, added crews aid fight against Idaho blaze



Members of the Prescott Hotshots mop up part of the Beaver Creek Fire on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013 west of Hailey, Idaho.

(AP Photo/Times-News, Ashley Smith)

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Associated Press

HAILEY, Idaho (AP) — Fire managers are expressing optimism in their battle against a wildfire that has scorched nearly 160 square miles and forced the evacuation of 2,300 homes near two central Idaho resort communities. Officials said Sunday the fire near Ketchum and Sun Valley grew only about 12 square miles because of cloud cover the day before and the arrival of additional firefighters. More than 1,200 people are now assigned to the Beaver Creek Fire, which is 9 percent contained. Fire managers say both of the nation's DC-10 jet retardant bombers have been used, but one experienced an engine malfunction after a drop Thursday. The jet made it back safely to Pocatello in southeastern Idaho but remains unavailable.

Fire spokeswoman Shawna

Hartman says nearly 90 fire engines are in the region, many protecting structures. More people were forced from their homes outside the posh central Idaho ski town of Ketchum as a wildfire stoked by strong winds made a push to the north. The number of residences evacuated by the blaze rose to more than 2,300 by Saturday evening. But despite the adverse conditions and extreme fire behavior, some progress was made on the Beaver Creek Fire's south end, where crews conducted mop-up along the borders of blackened foothills west of the Hailey. Lightning ignited the blaze Aug. 7. Fire officials estimated it grew to 144 square miles Friday night, fed by dry timber and underbrush. But they expect a more accurate size assessment after a plane with infrared cameras flies over the burn Saturday night. The fire is 6 percent contained.

More than 700 firefighters have been deployed to the mountains west of this affluent region, where celebrities like Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tom Hanks and Bruce Willis own pricey getaways. Five more hotshot crews arrived Saturday, and more are expected to arrive this weekend to continue focusing on protecting homes in a sparsely populated county.

"It was a good day from the standpoint that we had no injuries, no lives lost, and no homes and property burned," fire spokeswoman Lucie Bond said. "Firefighters have been going house-to-house to decrease the risk. We're simply not going to leave homes unprotected."

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Creditors face deadline in Detroit bankruptcy case

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Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Banks, bond insurers, employee pension systems and others standing to lose big if a federal judge declares Detroit insolvent are expected to legally file their objections to the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history. Monday is the deadline for creditors to file eligibility objections to Detroit's bankruptcy petition — marking the beginning of legal challenges for those hoping to recoup all or most of what Detroit owes them. The deadline is just one of several steps that could lead to federal Judge Steven Rhodes allowing Detroit into bankruptcy protection while it restructures.

Conversely, it also could spell disaster for the struggling city if its petition is denied, allowing creditors to sue Detroit if it defaults on payments, said bankruptcy expert Doug Bernstein. State-appointed emergency manager Kevyn Orr filed for bankruptcy on July 18. He claims the city has at least \$18 billion in liabilities, from underfunded pensions and health care costs to bonds that lack city revenue to be paid off. Orr stopped payment on \$2.5 billion in debt in June. Revenue from property and business taxes continues to lag, while expenses and city service costs swell. Meanwhile, Detroit's population has dropped by more than one million since the 1950s to just about 700,000 residents.



Tony Brown, left, a Department of Transportation retiree, listens to union leaders talk about what Detroit's bankruptcy filing means to thousands of retirees during a meeting in Detroit. Monday, Aug. 19, 2013, is the deadline for a host of banks, bond insurers, two employee pension systems and others standing to lose big if a federal judge declares Detroit insolvent to legally file their objections to the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history.
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By filing for bankruptcy, Orr prevented a mad rush by worried creditors who could have sued Detroit to collect their money. A multi-day hearing on the eligibility question is scheduled to start Oct. 23. "Anybody who opposes the filing can be heard from," said experienced bankruptcy attorney and law professor Anthony Sabino. "But they must prove ... that they have legal standing to come to court in the first place and be heard." If creditors successfully remove Detroit from bankruptcy protection it "would be nothing less than catastrophic" for the city, he added, and would throw Detroit to the "wolves." "A key to bankruptcy is it stops all litigation and attempts to collect debts," Sabino said. "This prevents the dismembering of the assets of the entity." Without bankruptcy's protective umbrella "it will be sued and attacked in state

court, federal court, from all sides, by every creditor in sight, with uneven and possibly unjust results," Sabino said. "The wolves — creditors — will selfishly rend the city from limb to limb, leaving scraps, if that, to the less powerful." Orr, serving an 18-month contract, had threatened bankruptcy as an option when he took the job in March. He met with more than 100 creditor representatives in mid-June, laying out plans that asked many to take 10 cents on the dollar or less. After getting authorization from Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, Orr filed for bankruptcy on Detroit's behalf just over a month later. Union leaders and officials with the city's employee pension systems have said the filing violates the Michigan Constitution, which they believe protects accrued municipal pension benefits. Orr said federal bankruptcy law trumps state law. □

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Obama plays final golf round before vacation ends



President Barack Obama golfs at Vineyard Golf Club in Edgartown, Mass., on the island of Martha's Vineyard Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013. (AP Photo/Steven Senne)

DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press
EDGARTOWN, Massachusetts (AP) — President Barack Obama returned to the golf course Sunday to play his sixth and final round of a weeklong vacation on Martha's Vineyard. Obama played at Vineyard Golf Club in Edgartown, his third visit there since arriving on Aug. 10. World Bank President Jim Kim, New York lawyer and Obama fundraiser Eunu Chun and aide Mike Brush

completed the foursome, the White House said. Obama, first lady Michelle Obama and daughters Malia and Sasha are due back at the White House late Sunday. The president has spent all or part of nine days on this picturesque Massachusetts island, mostly keeping a low profile while renting a house in Chilmark, a property valued at \$7 million. He spoke publicly just once, condemning violence in Egypt.

The political upheaval in that Middle Eastern country is one of several issues Obama will contend with in the coming weeks. Also drawing his attention will be negotiations with congressional Republicans to get a new spending plan in place by the Sept. 30 end of the federal budget year or risk a government shut-down, and to increase the government's borrowing authority. Obama also is considering whom to pick as his next chairman of the Federal Reserve. The president devoted many vacation hours to his golf game, but also had a few date-night dinners out with the first lady before their daughters arrived late in the week. The entire family went for a bike ride, hit the beach and ate a

couple of dinners away, including an evening spent at the Oak Bluffs rental home of White House senior adviser and family friend Valerie Jarrett. Obama's week ahead includes a White House recognition ceremony Tuesday for the 1972 Miami Dolphins, the only National Football League team to achieve a perfect season. The Dolphins, who went 17-0, never made it to the White House after their Super Bowl win 40 years ago in 1973. President Richard Nixon was immersed in the Watergate scandal at the time and, back then, White House visits by victorious professional and college sports teams were not as common as they are today. Many Dolphins team members are expected to

attend, including fullback Larry Csonka and Hall of Fame coach Don Shula. Obama also hits the road again at the end of next week, this time on official business. He's scheduled a bus trip through upstate New York and Pennsylvania to talk about making a college education more affordable. Thursday's stops include the State University of New York at Buffalo and Henninger High School in Syracuse. On Friday, Obama planned to answer questions at a town hall-style event at the State University of New York-Binghamton before a stop at Lackawanna College in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He is to be joined there by Vice President Joe Biden, a native of the northeastern Pennsylvania city. □

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EU to 'urgently review' its relations with Egypt

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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union will "urgently

review" its relations with Egypt, where more than 800 people have died in clashes between security

forces and supporters of deposed President Mohammed Morsi, officials said Sunday.

In a rare joint foreign policy statement, the presidents of the European Commission and the European Council said it's the responsibility of the army and the interim government to end the violence.

Calls for democracy and fundamental rights "cannot be disregarded, much less be washed away in blood," and "the violence and the killings of these last days cannot be justified nor condoned," Jose Manuel Barroso, of the commission, and Herman Van Rompuy, of the council, said.

EU foreign ministers are expected to hold an emergency meeting on Egypt this week. The bloc is a major source of aid and business for Egypt.

In Paris, French President Francois Hollande said European and Arab nations have a "common responsibility" to do what they can so the violence in Egypt

ends and a political life can be restarted.

Hollande spoke after meeting with the Saudi Arabian foreign minister, saying he doesn't want to interfere in Egyptian affairs, but "violence at this level is not acceptable in a great nation like Egypt."

Hollande called on Egyptian political authorities to quickly organize elections "so that people can express themselves." He said other nations must "do all so that violence ceases." The French president didn't say what nations should do to help end the crisis in Egypt. French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius held a separate meeting with his Qatari counterpart, Khalid bin Mohammad Al Attiyah, as French authorities reached across the divide that has cut Egypt into two camps. Qatar is known as a leading ally of the Muslim Brotherhood, the movement of Morsi, while Saudi Arabia King Abdullah has said the kingdom stood by Egypt in its fight against "terrorism and strife" — a thinly veiled reference to the Brotherhood.

"We must quickly end this bloodbath and reach an inter-Egyptian dialogue," Fabius said after meeting the Qatari envoy.

Meanwhile, several hundred pro-Morsi backers held a demonstration in Paris while a pro-army group protested on the other side of town. □



German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle, right, meets his Qatari counterpart Khalid bin Mohamed Al-Attiyah in the park of Villa Borsig, a training center for diplomats and guest house of the foreign ministry, in Berlin, Germany, Saturday Aug. 17, 2013. Their talks focused on the situations in Egypt and Syria. (AP Photo/dpa, Hannibal Hanschke)

Germany's Merkel dismisses talk of early retirement

FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Sunday dismissed suggestions that she might step down before completing a third term if her party is victorious in next month's general election, and insisted that she wants to continue the center-right coalition she has led since 2009.

German media have

speculated that the country's first female chancellor, who is highly popular with voters, might retire before the end of a third term to pave the way for a successor from within her party.

"I want to be chancellor for four years," Merkel said in an interview with public TV broadcaster ZDF five weeks before the vote. She even left open the possibility of standing again in 2017. Merkel, 59, also

played down talk of reviving the grand coalition from her first term, when her conservative party ruled the country together with the Social Democrats from 2005 to 2009.

Surveys put her Christian Democrats far ahead of their leftist rivals in the run-up to the Sept. 22 ballot. But Merkel's junior coalition partner, the pro-business Free Democrats, have fared poorly in opinion

polls and could complicate her re-election if they win less than the 5 percent share of the vote needed to enter Parliament.

If they fail to pass that threshold, Merkel could be forced to work with the Social Democrats, who are led by her first term finance minister, Peer Steinbrueck. "Nobody wants this," said Merkel, but added that, in her view, "the election will be very, very close." □

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UN chemical arms experts arrive in Syrian capital

ALBERT AJI

Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) —

After months of drawn-out negotiations, United Nations experts arrived in Damascus on Sunday to begin their investigation

alleged chemical attacks, while the Syrian government and Russia have blamed the opposition. Nearly six months after the weapons of mass destruction were first allegedly employed on the battlefield,

which ones. But the mission's mandate does not extend to establishing who was responsible for an attack, which has led some observers to question the overall value of the probe. The 20-member U.N. del-

reporters and cameraman waiting in the lobby.

U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said the team will begin its work on Monday.

The investigators are expected to visit three sites where chemical weapons attacks allegedly occurred: the village of Khan al-Assal just west of the embattled northern city of Aleppo and two other locations that have not been disclosed.

Syria is said to have one of the world's largest stockpiles of chemical weapons, including mustard gas and the nerve agent sarin. There are concerns that the Assad regime might use them on a large scale, transfer some of them to the Lebanese militant Hezbollah group or that the chemical agents could fall into the hands of al-Qaida-affiliated militants and other extremists among the rebels. Ahead of the experts' arrival, Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad told The Associated Press that the government will offer the U.N. inspectors its full assistance.

"I assure you, on behalf of the Syrian Arab Republic, that we will fully cooper-

ate with this team and provide it with all information we have and all facilities to reach a rational conclusion," he said.

"Our basic target is for this team to find facts on ground, especially about what happened in Khan al-Assal, because we, as a government, do not know about any other cases other than the case where chemical weapons were used by terrorists there," he added. Syria's government refers to rebels fighting its rule as terrorists.

A spokesman for the Western-backed Syrian opposition's military wing, Loay al-Mikdad, also welcomed the U.N. mission, but was skeptical about how fruitful the investigation will be.

"We hope that this delegation will be able to reach all areas where unconventional weapons have been used," al-Mikdad said. "However, we're absolutely sure that this regime that has done everything from changing signs with the names of areas to fabricating evidence with past delegations will do the same with this one. Therefore, we doubt they will be able to uncover truthful results." □



In this image made from video, U.N. vehicles leave the entry area of a hotel after U.N. weapon inspectors get off their vehicles upon their arrival in Damascus, Syria, Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013. A team of U.N. weapons inspectors arrived in Damascus on Sunday for a long-delayed mission to investigate the alleged use of chemical arms in Syria's civil war.

(AP Photo/AP Video)

into the purported use of chemical weapons in Syria's civil war.

The rebels, along with the U.S. and other Western powers, have accused President Bashar Assad's regime of carrying out the

definitive proof remains elusive.

The U.N. team that arrived in Damascus on Sunday is tasked with determining whether chemical weapons have been used in the conflict, and if so

egation, led by Swedish chemical weapons expert Ake Sellstrom, checked into a five-star hotel upon arrival in central Damascus. Plainclothes police officers immediately whisked them away from a crush of

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Mexico busts drug lords using old drug war playbook



Masked members of the Purepecha Indian community guard unit, from the town of Los Reyes in Michoacan, Mexico, attend a press conference in Mexico City. A group of farmers and businessmen from the western Mexico state of Michoacan demanded last week that the government stop sending thousands of federal police to fight a local drug cartel.

(AP Photo/Gabriela Sanchez)

K. CORCORAN

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — With the capture of two top drug lords in little more than a month, the new government of President Enrique Pena Nieto is following an old strategy it has openly criticized for causing more violence and crime. Mario Armando Ramirez Trevino, a top leader of Mexico's Gulf Cartel, was detained Saturday in a military operation near the Texas border, just weeks after the arrest of the leader of the brutal Zetas cartel near another border city, Nuevo Laredo.

Interior Secretary Miguel Angel Osorio Chong came to his post last December saying the strategy of former President Felipe Calderon to focus on cartel leadership only made the drug gangs more dangerous. The new administration, he said, would focus less on leadership and more on reducing violence. Yet the new strategy appears almost identical to the old. The captures of Ramirez and top Zeta Miguel Angel Trevino Morales could cause a new spike in violence with battles for leadership of Mexico's two major cartels. "The strategy of the military is exactly the same," Raul Benitez, a security expert at Mexico's National Autonomous University, said Sunday. "It's not a failure of the new government. It's the reality they face ... Changing strategy is a very slow process. In the short term, you have to act against the drug-trafficking leaders." Ramirez, a drug boss in Reynosa, across the border from McAllen, Texas, had been vying to take over the cartel since the arrest of the Gulf's top capo, Jorge Eduardo Costilla Sanchez, alias "El Coss," last September. Some say he succeeded by reportedly killing his main Gulf rival, Miguel Villarreal,

known as "Gringo Mike," in a gunbattle in March. Villarreal's death is still disputed by some.

The U.S. State Department also offered a reward of \$5 million for the capture of Ramirez for several federal drug violations.

He was taken down during a major military offensive that involved air and ground forces in Rio Bravo, according to the Tamaulipas state government.

The once-powerful Gulf Cartel still controls most of the cocaine and marijuana trafficking through the Matamoros corridor across the border from Brownsville, Texas, and has an international reach into Central America and beyond. But the cartel has been plagued by infighting since Costilla's arrest, while also being under attack in its home territory by its former security arm, the Zetas.

The split is blamed for much of the violence in Reynosa, where there have been regular, public shootouts between Gulf factions and authorities in the last six months. The factions are willing to fight for the largest piece of the lucrative business of transporting illegal drugs to the biggest market, the United States. Mexico continues to be the No. 1 foreign supplier of marijuana and methamphetamines to the U.S. An estimated 93 percent of South American cocaine headed to the U.S. travels through Mexico, according to 2010 FBI statistics.

Before leaving office, Calderon repeatedly touted the fact that his forces had captured 25 of Mexico's 37 most-wanted drug lords, a strategy backed by the U.S. government with hundreds of millions of dollars in funding and close cooperation with American law-enforcement, military and intelligence agencies. □

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Jamaica fights to break grip of its violent past

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KINGSTON, Jamaica

Gunshots every night, burned-down businesses and corpses - up to a half-dozen a day - used to define the neighborhood of Mountain View on the eastern hillsides of Kingston, Jamaica's capital. But not anymore.

Now, the nights are filled with barefoot soccer matches under streetlights or block parties that bring together former rivals from local gangs. No one has been murdered in Mountain View for three years.

"The dark cloud is moving away," said Keith Nugent, 76, a tailor in the neighborhood who counsels former criminals. "Young people here are beginning to gravitate to a sense of life, and function."

Jamaica is emerging as a rare bright spot in the hub of the fight against drugs and organized crime that extends across South America and the Caribbean. After more than a decade fighting lawlessness, with limited success, this

small island with a reputation for both carefree living and bloodshed has begun to see results. Jamaica's murder rate, while still high, has fallen by 40 percent since 2009.

The situation here differs markedly from elsewhere in the region, where militarized, transnational drug cartels battle among themselves over the main smuggling routes into the United States. But experts and U.S. officials say that as drug traffic shifts back to the Caribbean Jamaica has done far more than many other countries to protect itself.

The new emphasis - on community policing, violence reduction and combating corruption - grew partly from crisis. In May 2010, Christopher M. Coke, one of Jamaica's most powerful drug lords, fought an attempt to arrest and extradite him to the United States, prompting a neighborhood siege by the authorities, which left at least 70 people dead.

His surrender a few weeks later helped break up gun



A member of the Mobile Reserve, an arm of the national police, patrols the neighborhood of Dunkirk in Kingston, Jamaica, June 6, 2013. Jamaica is emerging as a rare bright spot in the hub of the fight against drugs and organized crime that extends across South America and the Caribbean.
(Andrea Bruce/The New York Times)

and drug networks, according to Jamaican officials, and allowed the country to zero in on longer-term projects, with im-

ported expertise. The positive results have been obvious in areas like Mountain View. For many residents there, the Coke affair still stings like lingering tear gas. Local gangs with ties to Coke resent what they describe as a police "incursion" characterized by

officers killing civilians and other examples of excessive force.

But for Nugent, the tailor, and for many other residents, peace carries its own momentum.

"Light attracts light," he said. "Everything good must have a beginning." □

Dominicans arrest Canadian Levis sought in child sex case

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Dominican authorities have arrested a Canadian man they say is wanted in his country on charges of child sexual exploitation. Police said over the weekend that 59-year-old Michel Levis of Quebec had been sought by Interpol since last June.

They said Levis was detained while driving in the popular tourist spot of Puerto Plata. It is unclear when he entered the Dominican Republic.

Dominican police say that 11 foreign men have been arrested on child exploitation charges since 2007, including five Canadians. □

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The sunset reception at Pure Ocean, Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort served bottomless cocktails and butler-passed hors d'oeuvres, on the nicely decorated terrace lounge of the restaurant, to live DJ mixing.

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Announcement to all visual artists on Aruba: API invites artists to exhibit works for Dutch Royal couple!



ORANJESTAD - Related to the coming visit of the Royal couple to Aruba, artistic adviser of Art Promotion International (API) wants to invite all visual artists on Aruba to let the actual Royal couple and/or our Kingdom inspire them to create a special piece of art. It's the intention that the artistic adviser of API, Gustave Nouel, will preside over the commission that will select the artworks that will be exhibited together with a selection of the collection 'Rondom Oranje', in Cas di Cultura, starting November 10, 2013. For eventual participation maximum sizes for the

works of art must be 80x100 (2D) or 50x50x50cm (3D). Intention of API is to present, together with organizer Cas di Cultura, the most modern artistic ideas, combined with universal artistic qualities, as well as different multidisciplinary artistic activities, including modern digital presentations, in honor of the visit of the Royal Couple to Aruba. Other institutions on Aruba are also interested in co-operating with this artistic activity. For more information please contact Cas di Cultura. Rondom Oranje is an exhibition of artwork projecting the 'Orange factor',

reflecting a symbol of unity of people of different origin and nature. Since 2011 'Rondom Oranje' can be permanently seen in Holland in digital form through a touch screen presentation at the Provinciehuis of Overijssel, under the auspices of the Commissioner of the King, Mrs. Ank Bijleveld. Mrs. Bijleveld is also president of the national committee for the celebration of 200 years Dutch Kingdom. Art Promotion International shows an Art collection of eight professional artists from all parts of our Kingdom. The Visual artists: Jabu Arnell from St. Maarten, Bikkel from Curacao, Armando Goedgedrag from Aruba, Jannes Koetsier from Groningen and Gustave Nouel from Aruba and the professional photographers from Holland: Fokke P. de Boer, Ewoud Broeksma and Jan Kruize. Gustave Nouel will also be curator of 'Around Orange' exposition on Aruba. In April 2013 the exposition- in a traditional way -



was opened at the Town Hall of Almere, by Mayor Annemarie Jorritsma, who is also president of the VNG (Union Of the Dutch municipalities). It is the intention to offer Rondom Oranje to all Dutch municipalities and parts of the Dutch Kingdom, related to the celebration of 200 years of our Kingdom (2013-2015). After Almere 'Rondom Oranje' was shown in Nijmegen and Heumen. In September the Cabinet of the Plenipotenciary Minister of Aruba will show the 'Rondom Oranje' exhibition before the transport to Cas di Cultura. Intention is

to offer this exposition to all parts of our Kingdom. The Royal Dutch Navy is willing to transport the artworks to and between the Caribbean parts of the Dutch Kingdom. □



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Victoria Azarenka, from Belarus, clenches her fist after breaking Serena Williams in the third set of the finals match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament on Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, in Mason, Ohio. Azarenka won 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (6).

Associated Press

Azarenka, Nadal win 1st titles in Cincinnati

JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) — Rafael Nadal extended his sizzling summer with his first Cincinnati title Sunday, while No. 1 Serena Williams wilted just one set away from a breakthrough of her own. Nadal took advantage of the few openings he got against John Isner, grinding out a 7-6 (8), 7-6 (3) win at the Western & Southern Open that added yet another title to his sensational summer.

The 27-year-old Spaniard won the championship in Montreal a week ago and has back-to-back hard-court championships for the first time in his illustrious career. He'd never even reached the finals in Cincinnati.

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Torre says MLB working on winning back fans' trust



Los Angeles Dodgers manager Don Mattingly, left, talks with MLB executive vice president of baseball operations Joe Torre during batting practice before their baseball game against the New York Mets, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

JOHN WAWROW

AP Sports Writer

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania (AP) —

Joe Torre believes Major League Baseball is working on winning back fans' trust when it comes to cleaning up its reputation regarding performance-enhancing drugs.

"Baseball needs to get the fans' trust back again, and we're doing everything we can to make that happen," the MLB executive vice president told The Associated Press while attending the Little League World Series on Sunday. "It doesn't say it's going to be a smoothly paved road. It's going to be bumpy. We just feel we're making headway."

Torre said there was not much more he could say regarding the 14 players recently suspended in the

Biogenesis scandal. It's a group that includes New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, who is appealing his 211-game penalty.

The former Yankees manager also touched on the topic of baseball's plan to expand instant replay next season, a process he has played a role in.

Torre said officials are still "fine-tuning" replay implementations and plan to have the system completed by the winter meetings. "When we institute it next year, if something needs to be fiddled with, we will," he said. "But we didn't kneejerk it because of all the demands. I understand with technology, with the other sports doing it, that we needed to do something. We needed to do something that we didn't want to take back."

Torre traveled to South Williamsport, where he was given the William A. Shea Distinguished Little League graduate award. He was presented with the award on the field at Lamade Stadium before a game between Sammamish, Wash., and Westport, Conn.

The award is special to Torre because it's named after Shea, who was instrumental in founding the New York Mets.

Torre played for the Mets and also managed them from 1977-81. He grew up in Brooklyn, and was in his late teens when both the Dodgers and Giants moved to the West Coast.

"Bill Shea was directly responsible for putting a National League club back in New York, which was significant," Torre said. "I knew Bill. He was always a real upbeat individual." □

WNBA Roundup McCoughtry, Hayes lead Dream past Washington



New York Liberty forward DeLisha Milton-Jones (1) goes up to the basket against Minnesota Lynx forward Maya Moore (23) in the first half of a WNBA basketball game, Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

By GEORGE HENRY

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) -- Tiffany Hayes has been back four games since arthroscopic knee surgery sidelined her for a month.

Since her return, the Atlanta Dream's bench has been energized.

"We have to watch her minutes, but tonight she was in rhythm, and I didn't want to take her out," Atlanta coach Fred Williams said. "I told her if she keeps playing hard, points will come."

Hayes tied her career high with 23 points, Angel McCoughtry added 22 and the Atlanta Dream won their second straight game with a 76-58 victory over the Washington Mystics on Sunday.

Ivory Latta finished with 12 points and Monique Currie had 10 for Washington (12-14), which ended a three-game winning streak. □

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Phillies beat Dodgers 3-2 for Sandberg's first win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Carlos Ruiz had four hits, and the Philadelphia Phillies benefited from two ninth-inning errors by shortstop Hanley Ramirez to beat the Dodgers 3-2 on Sunday, giving interim manager Ryne Sandberg his first victory and ending Los Angeles' 10-game winning streak.

Sandberg took over when Charlie Manuel, the most successful manager in club history, was fired on Friday. The Phillies, shut out by the Dodgers in each of Sandberg's first two games, snapped a four-game skid and won for the fifth time in 26 games.

Andre Ethier homered for the Dodgers, who have lost just nine of their last 51.

Darin Ruf hit a home run to begin Philadelphia's comeback from a two-run deficit. Jonathan Papelbon (3-1) struck out two in a scoreless ninth to earn the win.

Brandon League (6-4), who relieved Paco Rodriguez in the ninth, took the loss.

Los Angeles was beaten for only the second time in 21 road games.

DIAMONDBACKS 4, PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Adam Eaton's bloop double in the 16th inning drove in two runs as Arizona outlasted Pittsburgh.

Eaton's career-high fourth hit came during his seventh at-bat, with A.J. Pollock and Didi Gregorius on and two outs. Eaton fought off a 1-0 pitch from Kris Johnson and dunked the ball into shallow left-center.

Arizona remained five games behind Cincinnati in the race for the second NL wild-card spot. Pittsburgh's lead in the NL Central dwindled to one game over St. Louis.

The Pirates dropped two of three to Arizona, losing their third consecutive series.

Wade Miley limited the Pirates to two runs over eight innings, and Aaron Hill went 4 for 7 to extend his hitting streak to 11 games for Arizona.

Arizona's victory was its

27th in its final at-bat, by far the most in the majors. It also was the Diamondbacks' 36th comeback win — second-most in the majors — and club-record 13th in extra innings.

Six Arizona relievers combined to pitch eight scoreless innings. Brad Ziegler (7-1) had two strikeouts while pitching perfect 14th and 15th innings, and J.J. Putz worked around two walks — one intentional — in the 16th to earn his sixth save.

Johnson (0-1) threw 82 pitches in six innings after being selected from Triple-A Indianapolis earlier Sunday.

REDS 9, BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Homer Bailey allowed one run and three hits in eight innings as Cincinnati routed Milwaukee.

Bailey (8-10) won his third straight decision and improved his career mark against Milwaukee to 2-7 with his first win in three starts against the Brewers this season.

Scooter Gennett's double in the second, and Khris Davis' solo shot in the fifth and infield single in the seventh were the only hits for the Brewers. Bailey walked one and struck out eight, including Juan Francisco three times.

Brewers starter Wily Peralta (8-13) allowed five runs. Cincinnati sent 10 men to the plate in the fifth and tacked on four more runs.

BRAVES 2, NATIONALS 1

ATLANTA (AP) — Julio Teheran pitched around trouble through six scoreless innings as a tired Atlanta bullpen held on in a win over Washington.

The Braves won two of three in the series and stretched their NL East lead over the second-place Nationals to 1½ games.

Four Atlanta relievers made it through the final three innings, preserving the win for Teheran (10-6).

Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his 39th save.

Both teams exhausted their bullpens in the Nationals' 8-7 win in 15 innings on Saturday night.

Freddie Freeman and Chris Johnson hit RBI singles off Gio Gonzalez (7-6) in the first. Gonzalez gave up two hits and no runs in the next six innings.

MARLINS 6, GIANTS 5

MIAMI (AP) — Jeff Mathis hit an early home run, then lined a tiebreaking double in the eighth inning that bounced off center fielder Andres Torres and sent Miami over San Francisco.

It was 5-all in a back-and-forth game when Ed Lucas led off the eighth with a single against Sandy Rosario (3-1). With one out, Mathis hit a liner to left-center and the ball dropped in front of Torres' dive and caromed off him. □



Philadelphia Phillies' Cole Hamels bunts against the Los Angeles Dodgers in the third inning of a baseball game on Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, in Philadelphia.

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Justine Reed, left, hands her husband Patrick Reed a ball on the 18th hole during the final round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, in Greensboro, N.C. Reed won the tournament in a two hole playoff.

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GREENSBORO, North Carolina (AP) — Patrick Reed

Reed beats Spieth in playoff at Wyndham

won the Wyndham Championship on Sunday for his first PGA Tour title, beating Jordan Spieth with a birdie on the second hole of a playoff.

Reed recovered from a drive on the par-4 10th that nearly went out of bounds and placed his second shot 7 feet from the pin. Spieth reached the green in two strokes but his 10-foot birdie putt trickled less than an inch wide of the cup. Reed then sank his birdie putt to end it.

Reed earned \$954,000 money and 500 FedEx Cup points for winning the final tournament before the playoffs.

Reed and Spieth finished regulation at 14-under 266. Reed closed with a 4-under 66, and Spieth had a 65.

The 20-year-old Spieth, the John Deere winner in a playoff last month, was denied in his bid to become

youngest two-time champion in the modern era of the PGA Tour.

John Huh and Brian Harman were two strokes behind. Harman had a 66, and Huh shot 68.

Matt Jones matched the tournament record for a final round with a 62 and finished at 11 under along with Matt Every (67) and Zach Johnson (68).

Reed — who let a three-stroke lead on the back nine slip away — missed a chance to win it on the first playoff hole, the par-4 18th. Spieth recovered from a terrible drive and saved par with a snaking 25-foot putt.

Reed pushed his 7-foot birdie putt wide of the hole, sending it to a second extra hole.

Reed looked to be in control with his big back-nine lead before Spieth and Huh pulled even with him at 14 under down the stretch.

At roughly the same time Reed bogeyed the par-3 16th, Spieth birdied the par-4 17th and closed with a par.

Huh fell off the pace after closing with two bogeys. Reed, who led or shared the lead after the second and third rounds, also had a chance to win it in regulation after landing his approach shot on the par-4 18th in the center of the green.

But he left his approximately 20-foot birdie putt short and tapped in to force the playoff.

Reed built his big lead with four birdies on the front nine, including three straight.

But by the end of the day, the leaderboard looked much like it did at the start — tightly bunched. Eight players began the round within two strokes of the lead.

Reed compared the scenario to a Monday qualifier, and he knows plenty about those: he earned his spots in six tournaments last year by playing well in those 18-

hole Monday rounds.

For the second straight day, organizers tried to beat the rain by starting the round early, sending players off in threesomes from the first and 10th tees. The skies were ominously overcast all day, but the saturated course didn't receive any rain.

And unlike the third round — in which only 13 players broke par — scores were significantly lower on the water-logged Sedgefield course, and that turned the final 18 holes into a shootout.

Jones birdied five consecutive holes and six of seven during his best round of the year. "Every golfer out here can go and shoot that," Jones said.

"It's a matter if you hit the ball in the right spot and make the putts. You're on the PGA Tour, so you should be able to do it."

Jones and Simpson, the 2011 winner who shot a 63, led the 52 players who shot better than even-par 70 during the final round.

"You really couldn't tell that the greens got any rain," Simpson said. "They were still as fast today as I've ever seen them."

At one point early in the round, five players — Reed, Every, Harman, Huh and Zach Johnson — shared the lead at 10 under and six others were within two strokes of them.

It wound up being a mostly fruitless week for the players on the playoff bubble who missed their last chance to push their way into The Barclays next week.

Nobody who started the week outside the top 125 managed to make it in. Each of the players at Nos. 126-132 missed the cut, and No. 133 Robert Streb finished at 3 under but could only jump to 126th.

"I was trying to put (the pressure) to the side as much as I could," Streb said. "You can't completely ignore it, but I just tried to play the best golf I could." □

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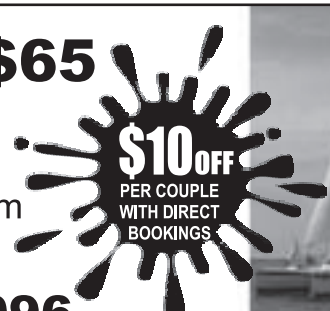
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Logano holds off Harvick for crucial Michigan win

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BROOKLYN, Michigan (AP)

— Joey Logano boosted his chances of reaching the Chase for the Sprint Cup, winning for the first time this season in a fuel-mileage race at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday.

Logano and Kevin Harvick both breezed past Mark Martin with just over three laps to go in the 400-mile, 200-lap race. Martin had been trying to stretch fuel, but when he faltered, Logano was able to hold off Harvick.

Logano entered the week-end in 16th place in the points standings. After winning the pole Friday, he

took Sunday's race by 1 second over Harvick, who is safely near the top of the standings.

There are three races left before the Chase.

Points leader Jimmie Johnson lasted less than 60 laps before engine trouble knocked him out.

It was the third Cup win of Logano's career, and it came after he posted the ninth-fastest pole-winning speed in NASCAR history during Friday's qualifying.

Johnson, Kyle Busch and Dale Earnhardt Jr. were among the big names to have problems, but the race was a clean one for Logano in his No. 22 Ford. He was battling Kurt Busch for the lead at the very start

and needed only to outlast Harvick at the end.

Kurt Busch did finish third, improving his chances of reaching the Chase as well. He moved from 11th to ninth in the standings.

Logano is now 13th, just seven points and one spot behind Martin Truex Jr. for the second wild card.

Sunday's race began with 10 of the first 17 laps under caution. There were nine cautions in all, and Logano and Kurt Busch led for 94 of the 200 laps — nearly half the race.

The 54-year-old Martin emerged late, making a bid for his first Cup win since 2009, but his fuel didn't hold up. He finished 27th.

Johnson finished 40th and



Joey Logano celebrates after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series Pure Michigan 400 auto race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013.

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is now winless in 24 Cup starts at MIS. His lost week-end began when a practice crash Saturday forced him to use a backup car and start in the back of the field. He quickly made his way into contention before the engine problem ended his day.

Logano's win gave Ford a sweep of the two Cup races at Michigan this year. Greg Biffle won in June and finished ninth Sunday.

Two of Logano's three wins have come from the pole. Johnson still leads the standings by 41 points over Clint Bowyer. □

Cincinnati

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When his backhand down the line finished it off, Nadal flopped on his back and screamed.

"It means a lot winning two straight titles on hard (courts)," Nadal said. "It's just amazing for me. I never did something like this in my career. So it was an emotional moment."

Williams had never won a Cincinnati title either. Like Nadal, she was trying for her second championship in two weeks, fresh off her championship in Toronto.

She dominated the first set, then fell apart, giving No. 2 Victoria Azarenka a chance to rally for a 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (6) win that ended Williams' 14-match winning streak. It was reminiscent of their finals match at the U.S. Open last year, when Williams took the last four

games to win 6-2, 2-6, 7-5.

The week in Cincinnati provided a preview for the U.S. Open, with the men's bracket more jumbled at the top.

Nadal's five Masters titles this season are a career best. He's tied with Novak Djokovic for most Masters titles in a season since 1990. He's won seven of the nine Masters events during his career.

Nadal has dominated the tour after overcoming a knee injury that sidelined him for the last part of 2012. The win on Sunday gave him a career-best mark of 53-3 this season. He's reached the finals in 11 of his last 12 tournaments, underscoring his consistent excellence.

He had one of his biggest challenges on Sunday — Isner, who had the tournament's most powerful serve and the crowd at center court behind him.



Rafael Nadal, from Spain, falls to the court after defeating John Isner 7-6 (8), 7-6 (3) to win the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament on Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, in Mason, Ohio.

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Nadal survived a pair of set points in the opener, sending it to a tiebreaker. The crowd chanted "Let's go Isner!" during a change-over during the tiebreaker, which ended with Isner dumping a service return into the net and Nadal

pumping his fist.

Nadal survived the only break point of the second set, taking it to another tiebreaker. The crowd chanted Isner's name again, but it didn't help. He hit a backhand and a forehand into the net, allowing Nadal to

go up 5-1 in the tiebreaker. Nadal finished it with a backhand passing shot from the baseline, then plopped on his back. He never got to a break point during the match, but won it by playing so well in the tiebreakers.

"I have to be patient and wait for my opportunities," Nadal said. "And I waited." Even with the loss, it was quite a week for Isner.

While Nadal spent last week winning the Rogers Cup, Isner was knocked out in the first round and fell to No. 22, the first time in the 40 years of ATP rankings that no American man was in the top 20. He'll move up to No. 14 next week after reaching the finals in Cincinnati on the strength of his serve.

The 28-year-old American upset No. 1 Djokovic in the quarterfinals at Cincinnati, one of the best moments of his career. □

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Bolt gets another golden triple with relay win

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MOSCOW (AP) — Usain Bolt is, yet again, perfect.

And with three gold medals in Moscow, the Jamaican great became the most successful athlete in the 30-year history of the world championships.

The 4x100-meter relay gold on Sunday erased the memories of the 100 title he missed out on in South Korea two years ago because of a false start. And, in combination with a similar 100-200-4x100 triple from Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Bolt was instrumental in giving Jamaica the first ever sweep in those six sprint events.

The tall Jamaican was trailing Justin Gatlin when he got the baton on the anchor leg, but a botched U.S. handover and his superlative speed were enough to see him, and his country, win.

He gritted his teeth, dipped at the line, and then grinned.

"I wasn't really worried about Justin. I knew if he got the baton in front of me, I could catch him," Bolt said. "So it was just going out there to run as fast as possible."

And when he does, nobody has stopped him when it mattered — in a half decade, and counting.

"It's not just about the talent. It's about rising to the occasion. He understands what that means," Gatlin said.

Bolt had already won the 100 and 200 meters. It was his second such sprint triple at the world championships, matching the two he has won at the Olympics.

With his victory, Bolt moved to the top of the all-time world championships med-



Jamaica's Usain Bolt, right, goes to cross the finish line ahead of United States' Justin Gatlin, second from right, and Germany's Martin Keller in the women's 4x100-meter relay final at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013.

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als table with eight gold and two silver, edging Carl Lewis, who has eight gold, one silver and one bronze. "It is just great," Bolt said of the comparison. "I'll continue dominating. I'll continue to work hard. For me, my aim is to continue hard into the greatness thing."

And again the Luzhniki Stadium and its 40,000 fans were turned into a Bolt party.

With palpable relief after a week of all-business during

his earlier races, Bolt finally let go. His arms across his chest, he kicked his legs as he went down lower and lower to imitate a traditional eastern European dance to the delight of the crowd. "I'm not even sure which country it's from. It just went along with the music, so I did it," Bolt said.

Twenty minutes earlier, Fraser-Pryce became the first woman in world championship history to sweep the sprint events, anchoring Ja-

maica to gold in the 4x100 relay.

Unlike Bolt, Fraser-Pryce got the baton with a big lead. With her pink hair extensions swaying in the air behind her, she kept on building on it to cross in a championship record of 41.29 seconds.

Lost in the excitement and a string of upsets was that the United States failed to lead the gold medal standings for the first time since the inaugural world cham-

pionships in Helsinki 30 years ago.

Instead, Russia topped the table with seven gold, edging the United States and Jamaica with six. In the overall standings, the U.S. team dominated with 25, holding a wide lead over the host nation with 17.

With a middle distance double on Sunday, Kenya secured African domination over neighbor and rival Ethiopia.

Asbel Kiprop of Kenya successfully defended his 1,500 title, trailing teammate Nixon Chepseba for most of the race before emerging into the finishing straight with a devastating kick no one could match. Matthew Centrowitz of the United States took silver in the hectic sprint finish, just ahead of Johan Cronje of South Africa.

And Eunice Sum won her first major title when she held off Olympic champion Mariya Savinova of Russia at the end to win the women's 800.

Russia hoped it would win another gold in the women's javelin, but defending champion Maria Abakumova disappointed with bronze. Instead, Christina Obergfoell of Germany won her first major javelin title at 31, beating Kimberley Mickle of Australia.

The string of upsets continued in the men's triple jump, where Olympic and defending champion Christian Taylor of the United States finished only fourth. Teddy Tamgho of France edged Pedro Pichardo of Cuba for gold.

Tamgho and Pichardo were even at 17.68 meters late in the contest but Tamgho made the difference on his last jump when he leapt 18.04 for his first world title. □



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Silicon Valley keenly awaits latest Lego robot kit

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SAN JOSE, California (AP)

— Few are more excited about Lego's new Mindstorms sets rolling out next month than Silicon Valley engineers.

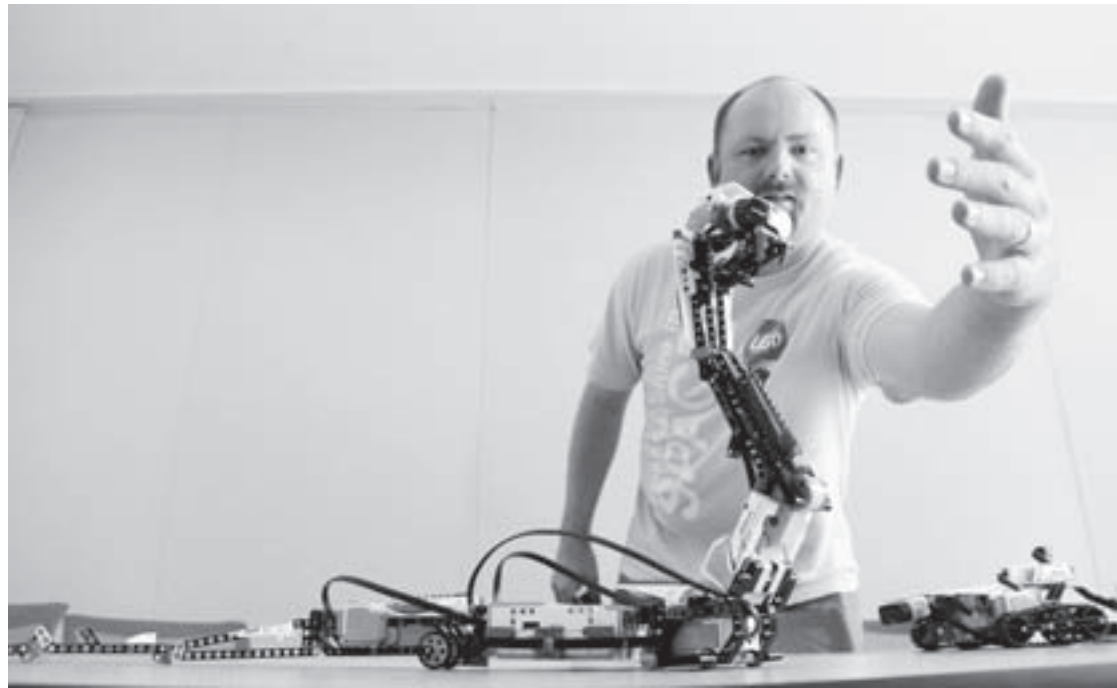
Many of them were drawn to the tech sector by the flagship kits that came on the market in 1998, introducing computerized movement to the traditional snap-together toy blocks and allowing the young innovators to build their first robots. Now, 15 years later, those robot geeks are entrepreneurs and designers, and the colorful plastic bricks have an outsized influence in their lives.

Techies tinker at Lego play stations in workplaces. Engineers mentor competitive Lego League teams. Designers use them to mock up larger projects ideas. And executives stand Lego creations on their desks alongside family photos. "Everyone I work with played with them as children. We sit around talking Lego. It's a shared common experience," said Travis Schuh, who reaches into his bin of plastic blocks when he needs a quick prototype at the Silicon Valley medical robotic firm where he works.

The new Mindstorms sets, on sale Sept. 1, are simpler for the younger crowd and more versatile for sophisticated users than two earlier versions.

The sets are designed for kids over 10 and make it easy to build basic, remote-controlled robots, including a cobra-like snake that snaps Lego brick fangs. Some shoot balls, others drive along color-coded lines.

But for \$349, far more expensive than typical build-



In this Aug. 13, 2013, photo, Will Gorman plays with a robotic Lego Mindstorms unit shaped like a snake in Redwood City, Calif.

ing toys, customers get a much more complex and powerful system.

"There's actually a lot of engineering that goes into Lego bricks and the systems you can prototype out of them are pretty sophisticated," says Stanford University engineering professor Christian Gerdes, who uses them in his classroom. Professional hackers will also find plenty to do with the new Mindstorms, as the open source software uses Linux for the first time, and controller apps are integrated for tablets and mobile phones.

San Francisco-based software engineer Will Gorman is one of those adult users. He has torn apart Mindstorms kits to create a Lego toilet flusher, a Wii-playing robot that bowled a perfect game and a Lego Mars Curiosity Rover.

"I don't consider myself an adult really," said the 36-year-old father of two last week, setting up yet another creation on a table in a sunny Redwood City library overlooking San

Francisco's bay wetlands. ProtoTank co-founder Adam Ellsworth, whose headquarters are on the third floor of TechShop San Francisco, says, "there is a culture of design in the Silicon Valley, and Lego bricks are how so many of us started."

"This place is just one big Lego station," he added, raising his voice above the buzz of laser cutters and 3-D printers. "Taking an idea, a concept, and finding the right way to turn it into something real, that's fundamentally what you're doing with Lego bricks."

Denmark-based Lego first sold their plastic bricks 55 years ago, and watched them grow into one of the world's most popular toys. But company officials say Mindstorms, designed for children but quickly snapped up by adults, changed their market.

"In the last 15 years, we have worked hard to balance the needs and wants of this shadow market while at the same time engaging kids," said Michael

Kellen Asercion, a Stanford University engineering graduate student, first snapped Lego bricks together around the time he started kindergarten, and he was still building when he graduated high school. "Lego sets are almost single-handedly responsible for my interest in engineering," he said.

Many Bay Area engineers also grew up competing in the First Lego League, which also launched in 1998 with 200 teams. Since then the league has expanded — last year more than 280,000 children around the world, ages 6-18, participated.

Organizers expect 600 teams participating in Northern California this autumn. □

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JPMorgan's hiring practices in China under scrutiny

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Federal authorities have opened a bribery investigation into whether JPMorgan Chase hired the children of powerful Chinese officials to help the bank win lucrative business in the booming nation, according to a confidential U.S. government document.

In one instance, the bank hired the son of a former Chinese banking regulator who is now the chairman of the China Everbright Group, a state-controlled financial conglomerate, according to the document, which was reviewed by The New York Times, as well as public records. After the chairman's son came on board, JPMorgan secured multiple coveted assignments from the Chinese conglomerate, including advising a subsidiary of the company on a stock offering, records show.

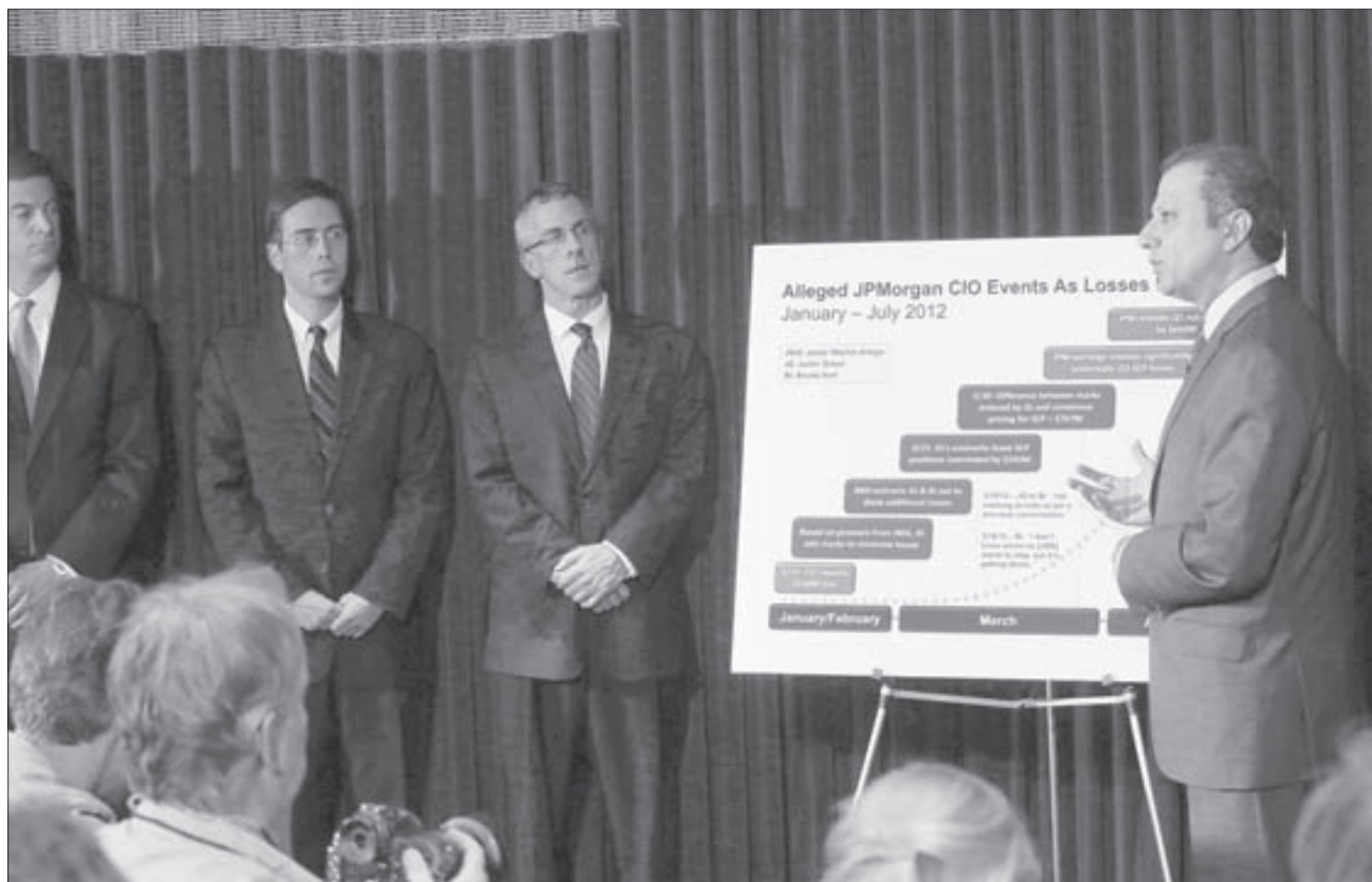
The Hong Kong office of JPMorgan also hired the daughter of a Chinese railway official. That official was later detained on

accusations of doling out government contracts in exchange for cash bribes,

show. The former official's daughter came to JPMorgan at an opportune time

Group, a state-controlled construction company that builds railways for the

JPMorgan to advise on its plans to become a public company, a common



Preet Bharara, right, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, during a news conference in New York. Bharara along with federal authorities announced criminal charges late last week against two former JPMorgan Chase employees accused of disguising losses on a trade that spun out of control last year, a rare show of government force against Wall Street risk-taking.

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

the government document and public records

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Chinese government, was in the process of selecting

move in China for businesses affiliated with the government. With JPMorgan's help, China Railway raised more than \$5 billion when it went public in 2007.

The focus of the civil investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission's anti-bribery unit has not been previously reported. JPMorgan - which has had a number of run-ins lately with regulators - made an oblique reference to the inquiry in its quarterly filing this month. The filing stated that the SEC had sought information about JPMorgan's "employment of certain former employees in Hong Kong and its business relationships with certain clients." In May, according to a copy of the confidential government document, the SEC's anti-bribery unit requested from JPMorgan a battery of records about Tang Xiaoning. He is the son of Tang Shuangning, who since 2007 has been chairman of the China Everbright Group. □

NYC's One Chase Manhattan Plaza for sale

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NEW YORK - One Chase Manhattan Plaza, the silvery, sky-scraping symbol of Lower Manhattan's emergence into the modern era of architecture and finance, is being offered for sale by JPMorgan Chase & Co. It might become a luxury apartment building and will almost surely get a new name.

Given the recent prices paid per square foot for some of the more desirable office buildings in New York City, Chase might expect to make \$1 billion or more in a sale.

The building's prospective sale was reported Friday by Crain's New York Business and confirmed by spokesmen for the bank and for the real estate company CBRE, which will represent Chase in marketing the

building.

Though Chase moved its headquarters to 270 Park Ave. in 1996, when it merged with Chemical Bank, it still occupies more than half of the 2.2 million square feet in Chase Manhattan Plaza. The 60-story tower, clad in aluminum and glass, is set on a 2 1/2-acre plaza named for David Rockefeller, the former bank chairman. It has been closed to the public since September 2011. It might reopen by Thanksgiving. The complex was designated a city landmark in 2008, with the bank's assent. Therefore, any new owner's renovation or reconstruction plans would be subject to review by the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Whatever is to happen with the building - renovated office space, apartments,

hotel rooms or some combination - the transformation would probably not begin until 2014, the 50th anniversary of the completion of the main plaza.

While allowing a buyer to change the building's name, Chase will not give up its branch bank under the plaza. It is among the more serene and better-used banking spaces in the city, surrounding a circular sculpture garden by Isamu Noguchi.

A buyer would also be required to preserve the artist Jean Dubuffet's "Group of Four Trees" on the plaza. This organic, 40-foot-high sculpture, which belongs to the Museum of Modern Art, delightfully offsets the tower's austere, linear geometry. Against the backdrop of the three new World Trade Center towers, the commercial

complex at Battery Park City and the growing allure of downtown as a residential neighborhood, it might be difficult now to discern how revolutionary 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza was in its day. "The renaissance of Lower Manhattan began with David Rockefeller's decision to build the Chase Manhattan headquarters downtown in the late 1950s," Ada Louise Huxtable wrote in 1970, when she was the architecture critic for The New York Times.

"That tipped the scale toward keeping in the Wall Street area a financial community that had been on the verge of uptown flight," she added. "The 60-story structure at 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, started the spectacular renewal." □



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Disney pins hopes on new video game

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ANAHEIM, Calif. - At a fan gathering recently, the Walt Disney Co. beat the drums for its new Infinity video game, which went on sale Sunday, August 18, by staging an elaborate demonstration of its capabilities, allowing attendees to play it for themselves and handing out Mickey Mouse swag.

But it was an accompanying app called Disney Infinity: Action! that summed up what's at stake for the company. The app, available free now on the Apple iTunes store and soon for Android devices, allows users to place themselves inside the game and make short videos of the action. As an example, Disney showed a video of a digital Capt. Jack Sparrow aiming a cannon at John Pleasants, co-president of Disney Interactive, and lighting the fuse. Kaboom! Pleasants disappeared.

It was all in good fun. But Pleasants is on a very hot seat, no doubt about it. Infinity, which cost Disney over \$100 million to develop, according to analysts, is viewed as a make-or-break effort to turn around the company's money-losing gaming and Web division after years (and years) of trying.

"It's the most ambitious creative undertaking we've ever done," Pleasants said Sunday at the D23 Expo, a biennial convention for Disneyphiles.

Infinity allows users to mix and match Disney and Pixar characters in rollicking video game adventures.

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As investors flock:

Sites make shopping experience social again

JENNA WORTHAM

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Shopping online is easier than shopping in a mall - as long as you know exactly what you want to buy. The problem comes when you don't know what you want.

players in e-commerce, like Amazon and eBay, have introduced their own social features.

The social shopping sites essentially compile stylish goods of similar sensibility from shops around the Web, and make it easy

quirky items, giving entrepreneurs an opening.

"The current state of commerce is very fragmented," she said. "Stores expect you to discover their site on your own and know what's relevant and interesting."

The shopping sites do not

shopping sites let their users find and follow their friends and favorite brands or shops, which creates a feed akin to those on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook. The feed is filled with new items that they might like to buy.

Wanelo, for example, lets a user tell friends about a great find by clicking a button to post the item on the site. When users decide to buy an item through the site, like one of its colorful shirts or shoes, they are rerouted to the company that is offering it for sale. Wanelo collects commission, essentially a finder's fee.

Major e-commerce sites have also been picking up on the trend. In August, Amazon introduced a feature called Amazon Collections that lets people see what other Amazon users have liked, saved to a wish list or bought recently. Last September, eBay bought one of the sleeker social commerce sites, Svvply.

Pinterest, the hugely popular social network that lets people share images from around the Web on virtual boards, has clearly been an inspiration for many of the startups. But the company, valued at close to \$3 billion, has said in the past that it was not interested in profiting off the items that people collected through the site.

In recent months, though, Pinterest, has seemed to shift its stance. In May, the company introduced a feature called "Rich Pins" that lets merchants include information about where and how to buy items through the site.

Hiroshi Mikitani, the founder and chief executive of Rakuten. □



Deena Varshavskaya, the founder and chief executive of Wanelo, an online clothing retailer that offers an experience equivalent of a personal shopper, at the company's offices in San Francisco, Aug. 15, 2013. Many entrepreneurs, like Varshavskaya, have set their sights on moving closer to duplicating the real-world feel of shopping, creating a category of e-commerce loosely known as social shopping.

(Peter DaSilva/The New York Times)

The Web has yet to duplicate the real-world feel of a mall, where shoppers can pop in and out of multiple stores, easily browsing racks of clothing, display cases of jewelry and shelves of housewares. And online, friends can't join you in a dressing room to help you avoid buying fashion faux pas.

But now, many entrepreneurs have their sights set on better replicating those experiences online, creating a category of e-commerce loosely known as social shopping. Venture capitalists are opening their pocketbooks for these new startups, and even some of the biggest

to share with friends what items they like and buy. Most of the sites have adopted the interface of pinning images on a virtual bulletin board popularized by Pinterest, one of the most popular social networks.

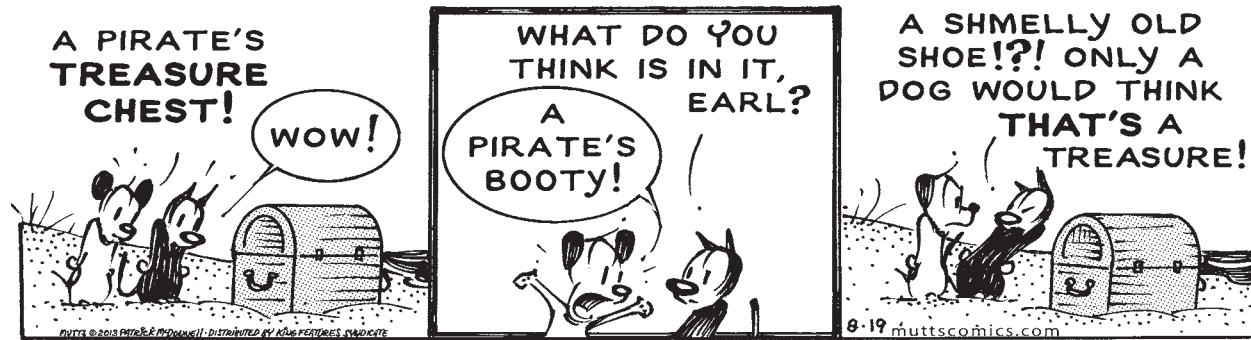
Deena Varshavskaya, the founder and chief executive of the social shopping site Wanelo, which she started in late 2010, said sites like Amazon, eBay and Etsy had made people comfortable with buying things online, both from giant retailers and small sellers. But as more companies and shops migrated to the Web, it became harder to find cool, stylish and

sell one type of item or good - instead, they mimic a bazaar where people can browse through bins at their leisure. The point, of course, is also to find a way to profit off the millions of people who are looking for a better way to shop online.

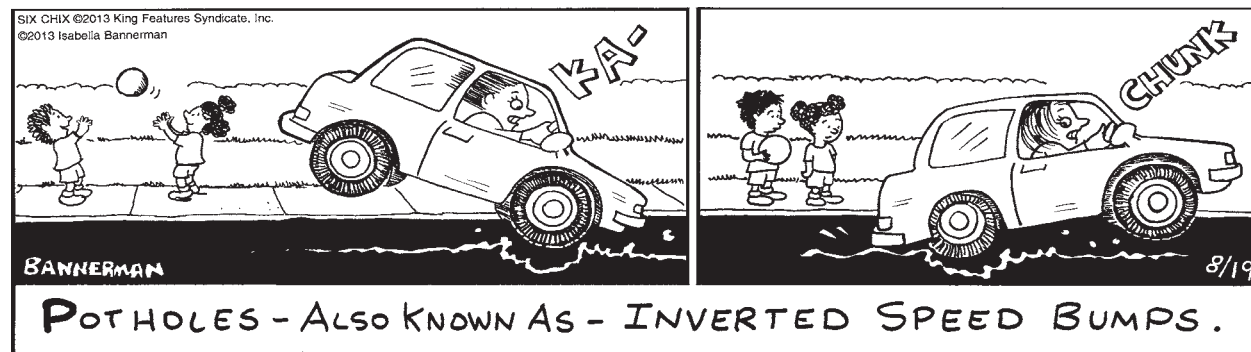
Among the sites are Polyvore, Svvply, Fancy, Fab and Wantworthy. They each vary slightly, but they share a common DNA. After a user signs up, which is usually free, the sites show a collection of items, either based on a curated selection or what other members have recently bought and liked.

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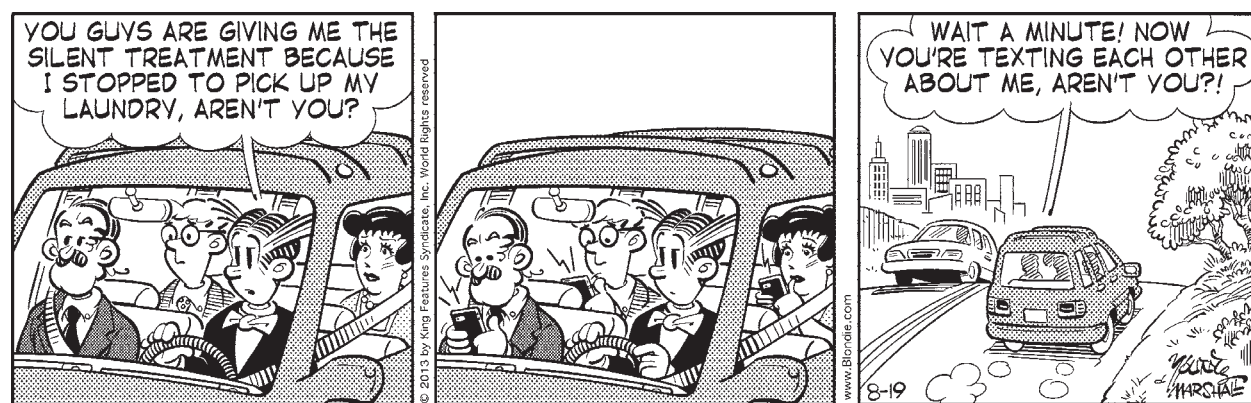
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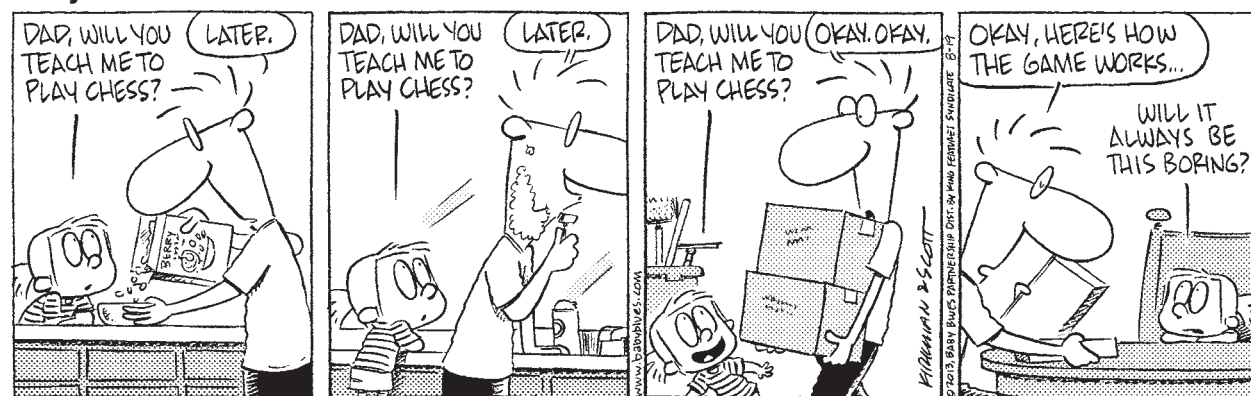
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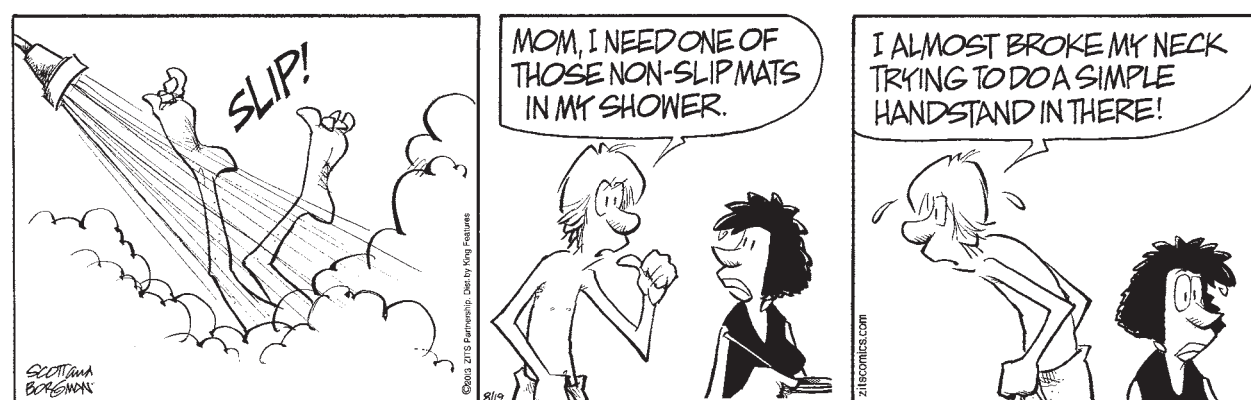
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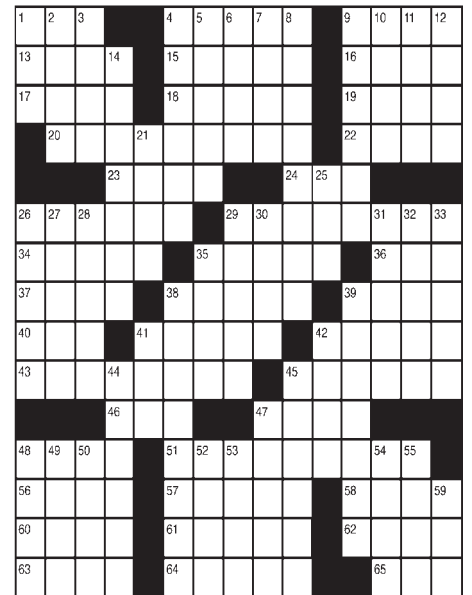
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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- Shining brightly
- Music's Lady __
- Gray wolf
- Treasure __; rich cache
- Corrupt
- Comrades
- Itchy, burning skin rash
- Run-of-the-__; ordinary
- Symbolize
- In a lazy way
- Go on a tirade
- Obi-__ Kenobi of "Star Wars"
- Groups of eight
- Most terrifying
- Ravels at the edges
- Mass of bees
- Have regrets
- Evening bugle call
- Noise
- Garment of old Rome
- New Year's __; December 31
- Actor Jeremy
- Furniture wood
- Baby bird
- Ne'er-do-wells
- __ at once; suddenly
- Go from a solid to a liquid state
- Clutch
- Aiding
- __ it up; have a ball
- Invalidates
- Vittles
- __-friendly; easy to operate
- Denmark's dollar
- Days of __; yesteryear
- State of clutter
- Run __; chase
- Barbie's beau



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

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- Zoom skyward
- Up to the task
- Capital of Greece
- Batch of grain
- Elvis' " __ Me Tender"
- Heating chamber
- " __ Hol!"; Kingsley novel
- Zodiac sign
- Zealous
- Fish's breathing organ
- Friendly nation
- Fish hawks
- Word of disgust
- Upper limb
- Frequently
- Want badly
- Sticky strips
- Dangled back and forth
- Fires, slangily
- Wear away
- Sweet granules
- Sorrowful drops
- In just a bit

- Asian nation
- Bear witness in court
- Sick
- Young horse
- Narrow candles
- __ amount; smaller number
- Pooh's creator
- Sad-looking
- Ascend
- Currier and __
- Ride the waves
- Job opening
- Wall recess
- Pierce
- Lion's lair

Seals drawing fans and foes in Cape Cod's waters

JESS BIDGOOD

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CHATHAM, Mass. - Ted Ligenza, a fisherman here for nearly 40 years, was intrigued when he first started seeing gray seals bobbing in the harbor for the very first time about three decades ago. "We thought they were kind of pretty looking," he said.

He did not know then that the sweet-faced creatures would eventually become a Cape Cod ubiquity like the harbor-side clam shack, mountainous hydrangea and sightings of Kennedys. These days, they emerge by the thousands on sandbars or pop up in small groups along the shoreline. They delight visitors who watch their heads bob above the waves. But they invade fishermen's nets, draw sharks closer to the shore and are rankling those who make their living by the sea so much that some are calling for blood. "I guarantee those seals have caught a hell of a lot more cod than the port of Chatham has," said John Our, a fisherman who, like others, thinks it is time to consider controlling the population. "Think about it - we cull everything else. You have harvests of deer, farmers get to kill the locusts."

The return of the gray seals to Cape Cod is a dramatic success story for animal protection. Before the early 1980s, gray seals were mostly absent from North American waters, their numbers low in part because of the bounties in Massachusetts and Maine that researchers estimate killed up to 135,000 before the last was lifted in 1962. Ten years later, the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act outlawed seal hunting.

With new protections also in place in Canada, the gray seal population slowly began to grow and thrive in Maine and on Cape Cod's sandbars and long stretches of protected beach, where they face few predators.

Many fishermen here wonder however whether the price of seal protection



A gray seal pokes its head above water off the coast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. (Handout Photo)

may be their own extinction. One gray morning this summer, Ernie Eldredge pulled up a small boat alongside his fishing weir, a huge, bowl-shaped net strung between wooden posts that jut out of the water like crooked teeth. A gray seal bobbed inside, its wide eyes belying its intruder status, while Eldredge's daughter, Shannon, examined part of the net that had been shredded by seal claws.

"They drive the fish away from the weir before they even have a chance to go in," said Eldredge, who extracted a measly catch of several dozen menhaden and squid that day, a far cry from the 30,000 pounds of fish he once caught daily. "We can't catch anything because of the seals."

Eldredge and many of his colleagues acknowledge the role overfishing and environmental change

have played in the paucity of fish in the Gulf of Maine, but they say seals have prevented fish stocks from rebounding even as stiff new quotas are imposed on the fishermen's activities. Seals eat up to 6 percent of their body weight each day - which, for an 800-pound male, could be about 50 pounds of food, including prized fish like cod and flounder.

"It's devastating," said Tom Smith, who has been gill netting bluefish out of Provincetown and Hyannisport since 1981. "They're eating our fish we're trying to catch; they're eating them out of the nets."

Gray seals' federally protected status means an act of Congress would be required for any seal harvest.

"You have a better chance of running over a busload of children than clubbing or shooting a seal, let's be realistic," Our said. □

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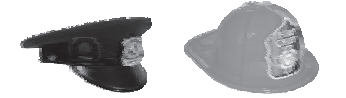
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SF Bay Area building demolition fuels quake study

MIHIR ZAVERI

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HAYWARD, California (AP)

— It took just seconds for a 13-story building overlooking San Francisco Bay to implode, spewing smoke and chunks of concrete as it crumbled into a heap of rubble. But U.S. Geological Survey scientist Rufus Catchings was marveling less at the visual spectacle than what he could feel with his feet.

As the building collapsed, the vibrations Catchings noted told him that a novel experiment to study one of the most dangerous fault lines in the U.S. likely was a success. "I was trying to sense the seismic energy on the ground," Catchings said. On Saturday, workers imploded Warren Hall, for four decades a fixture of the East Bay hillsides and the Cal State East Bay campus.

The boxy building was built roughly 2,000 feet (600 meters) from the Hayward fault, and officials recently deemed it seismically unsafe. Scientists turned its destruction into a valuable tool in their ongoing efforts to understand the earthquakes that have shaped California.

At precisely 9 a.m. a series of explosives went off with deafening bangs, as the building shook and then slumped. Then Warren Hall crumbled into a 12,500-ton pile of concrete and steel. Scores of onlookers cheered. The impact



LEFT: Workers walk away from Warren Hall on the California State University, East Bay Hayward Campus Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013, in Hayward, Calif. RIGHT: Warren Hall is imploded on the campus of Cal State East Bay in Hayward, Calif., on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013.



big one hits.

It's not just the main fault line that concerns scientists and nearby residents. Additional lines — called traces — split off from the main fault, and the location of many are unknown. The vibrations set off by Warren Hall's implosion will help scientists figure out where they are. "In the event of a large earthquake, often times it's not just one break in the ground, it's spread out over some distance," Catchings said. "You'd kind of like to know where all these things are if you really want to understand the hazard." Analyzing the data likely will take months. Many people vividly remember the magnitude-6.9 Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989 that killed 63 people, injured almost 3,800 and caused up to \$10 billion in damage, including a collapsed freeway that killed dozens of drivers. That quake was

centered near Santa Cruz, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) south of Hayward.

But the last major earthquake on the Hayward fault was in 1868, Catchings said. He said the fault triggers a major earthquake every 140 years on average. Mark Salinas, Hayward's mayor pro tem, said knowing where the ground shakes will help the city decide where to put new housing and other buildings. "This data, when it's available, will inform us on future development," he said. The idea to use the building's demolition came from Luther Strayer, an associate professor of geology at the university who called USGS officials to see if they would be interested.

After the implosion, Strayer said he was more than optimistic about the possible results.

"We really couldn't ask for better," he said. □

sent shockwaves that researchers hoped would mimic a magnitude-2.0 earthquake. Scientists had placed more than 600 miniature seismographs in concentric circles within a mile (1.6 kilometers) of the building to collect data they will use in their studies. "This will tell us a lot about

the fault zone itself, of the amplitude of seismic energy we expect from a real earthquake," Catchings said.

The USGS estimates there is a 63 percent chance of a major earthquake in the Bay Area within the next three decades.

The Hayward fault, which runs through several East Bay cities and under the football stadium at the University of California, Berkeley, is the most likely of the handful of Bay Area fault lines to move.

USGS scientists hope that Saturday's seismic-like shaking will help them map where the ground might move the most when the

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'The Butler' serves box-office success at No. 1

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Lee Daniels' The Butler" is serving up success at the box office.

Starring Forest Whitaker as a longtime White House butler and Oprah Winfrey as his boozy wife, the Weinstein Co. biopic debuted in the top spot with \$25 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. But the weekend's three other major new releases, including the action romp "Kick-Ass 2," failed to find traction with fans.

"We expected to do well, but we didn't expect to do this well," said Erik Lomis, president of distribution and home entertainment for Weinstein Co., adding that "The Butler" is the company's first No. 1 debut since 2009's "Inglourious Basterds" directed by Quentin Tarantino.

Even with a full slate of newcomers, last week's top movies claimed the second and third spots in the box-office race. The Jason Sudeikis-Jennifer Aniston Warner Bros. comedy, "We're the Millers," held onto second place in its second week of release with

\$17.78 million, while last week's No. 1, Sony's "Elysium," dropped to third with \$13.6 million.

"It was tough if you were any other film opening other than 'The Butler,'" said Paul Dergarabedian of box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

"Kick-Ass 2," Universal's tale of everyday teenagers who dress up as superhero crime-fighters, opened in fourth place with \$13.56 million. Open Road's Steve Jobs biopic, "Jobs," debuted in seventh place with \$6.7 million. And Relativity's "Paranoia," which stars Harrison Ford, Gary Oldman and Liam Hemsworth, didn't crack the top 12.

"Maybe it should have been Oprah Winfrey's 'Jobs,'" Dergarabedian said. "It would have had a better shot."

Apart from Winfrey's unmatched marketing power, "The Butler" also marked the mogul's return to the big screen for the first time since 1998's "Beloved."

"She was a significant factor" in the film's success this weekend, Lomis said. "Her publicity machine really kicked into high gear,



This film image released by The Weinstein Company shows Forest Whitaker as Cecil Gaines, left, and Cuba Gooding Jr. as Carter Wilson in a scene from "Lee Daniels' The Butler."

Associated Press

and the entire cast, Lee Daniels and Forest Whitaker, they delivered a quality film and a great campaign."

The summer typically belongs to superheroes and big-action fare, which is why Weinstein chose to release "The Butler" now.

"It's different from pretty much

everything else in the marketplace," Lomis said. "That really seemed to help."

But the power of Oprah cannot be underestimated.

"It's stronger than anything else," Dergarabedian said. "An Oprah Winfrey endorsement virtually guarantees you a hit." □

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Exhibit coming to Pa. looks at life of Grace Kelly

By JOANN LOVIGLIO

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The world thinks of Grace Kelly as a fashion icon, movie star, princess, wife and mother, but in Philadelphia she's first and foremost remembered as a hometown girl who never forgot her roots.

So it seems fitting that an exhibit on Kelly's upbringing, Hollywood career and storybook ascent to royalty will make its only U.S. stop in the area where she spent her early years, organizers said at a news conference unveiling details of "Grace Kelly: Beyond the Icon" at an event Thursday that was held, aptly, in the Hotel Monaco in downtown Philadelphia.

"She never lost touch with her family and the Philadelphians that she grew up

with," said Kelly's nephew Christopher Le Vine, who recalled his aunt packing up some Philadelphia scrapple — a love-it-or-hate-it loaf of pork scraps and cornmeal — to bring back to Monaco so the palace chef could re-create the humble dish.

"She was going to tell him that it was a certain special pate from Philadelphia ... for petit déjeuner (breakfast)," Le Vine told the laughing crowd.

"She had her Philadelphia roots with her wherever she went."

The exhibit opens Oct. 28 at the Michener Art Museum in suburban Doylestown, not far from where Kelly made her professional stage debut at the Bucks County Playhouse in 1949. On view will be personal photos, love letters from



This undated file photo shows Grace Kelly. An exhibit on Kelly's upbringing, Hollywood career and storybook ascent to royalty opens Oct. 28, 2013 at the Michener Art Museum in suburban Doylestown, Pa., not far from where Kelly made her professional stage debut at the Bucks County Playhouse in 1949.

her husband Prince Rainier of Monaco, her 1954 best actress Academy Award

for "The Country Girl," film clips and home movies, as well as iconic fashions from gowns and the Yves Saint Laurent "Mondrian" dress to the Hermes "Kelly" bag she made famous.

Monaco's ruling sovereign, Prince Albert II, said in video-recorded remarks his mother "was indeed a talented woman who became an international fashion icon but that is just

the surface of her life."

"Those of us who were fortunate enough to know my mother, her family and friends, knew her to be a genuine, warm and loving woman — a woman who always put her family first," he said.

"I hope that through experiencing this exhibition you will be able to get a glimpse of the real Grace Kelly,

the woman behind the icon, my mother."

Monegasques appreciate their late princess, who died in 1982 in a car crash in Monaco, less as a screen legend and more as a humanitarian and philanthropist responsible for making Monaco a vibrant arts center and protecting the rights of vulnerable children, said Maguy Maccario Doyle, consul general of Monaco in New York.

"There are many places in Monaco that today remind us of her presence," she said.

"Her memory endures, and certainly the principality of Monaco will forever bear the imprint of her presence and the heartache of her absence." □

Republicans block CNN and NBC from hosting debates



Chairman of the Republican National Committee Reince Priebus, reacts to a speech during the Republican National Committee summer meeting Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013, in Boston. The RNC formally renewed its minority outreach effort, introducing the first four members of a "Rising Stars" program designed to promote younger and more ethnically diverse Republicans leaders.

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BOSTON (AP) — The Republican National Committee, responding to plans by two television networks to air programs about Hillary Rodham Clinton, approved a resolution Friday to block CNN and NBC from hosting the party's presidential primary debates.

The unanimous vote affirmed RNC Chairman

Reince Priebus's threat against the networks if they went ahead with programs about Clinton, the former secretary of state a possible 2016 Democratic presidential contender. Priebus said CNN has "an obvious bias."

"That's a network that won't be hosting a single Republican primary debate," Priebus declared, receiving a standing ova-

tion from Republican activists from across the country gathered for the committee's summer meeting in Boston.

In a statement, CNN said a division of the company planned to air a documentary about Clinton in 2014.

"The project is in the very early stages of development, months from completion," the CNN statement read. "We encouraged all interested parties to wait until the program premieres before judgments are made about it. Unfortunately, the RNC was not willing to do that."

Meanwhile, the Fox TV Studios has decided not to help produce NBC's "Hillary" miniseries, said Leslie Oren, the company's spokeswoman. Fox's participation attracted attention because it is owned by News Corp. and is a sister company to the Fox News Channel, where the project has come under attack from commentators.

The studio's decision adds to the already considerable doubt within NBC that the miniseries will ever get made. □

Judge OKs LA County condom requirements for porn

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los Angeles County law requiring adult film performers to wear condoms is constitutional, a federal judge has ruled.

The decision is a setback to porn producers who filed a lawsuit to block the implementation of the Safer Sex in the Adult Film Industry Act, or Measure B, which was approved by voters last November. It was sponsored by five individuals affiliated with the nonprofit AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

In the ruling Friday, U.S. District Judge Dean Pregerson wrote that supporters presented sufficient evidence of the health risks the measure seeks to reduce.

The law "will in fact alleviate those harms in a direct and material way," Pregerson wrote.

The decision was cheered

by AHF president Michael Weinstein, one of the five individuals affiliated with the foundation who were the official proponents of Measure B. After county officials declined to defend the measure, the foundation was granted "intervener" status to defend it.

The porn industry later tried to have the group removed, but the motion was denied.

"Today's ruling ... is just a tremendous, tremendous victory, one that will go a long way to safeguard the health and safety of those adult performers working in the industry," Weinstein said Friday.

Vivid Entertainment and Califa Productions and porn performers Kayden Kross and Logan Pierce sued the county in January to prevent the implementation of the new law. □

Obama, Snowden And Putin



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You only get one chance to make a second impression. It seems to me that Edward Snowden should use his and that Russian President Vladimir Putin has blown his.

Considering the breadth of reforms that President Barack Obama is now proposing to prevent privacy abuses in intelligence gathering, in the wake of Snowden's disclosures, Snowden deserves a chance to make a second impression - that he truly is a whistle-blower, not a traitor. The fact is, he dumped his data and fled to countries that are hostile to us and to the very principles he espoused. To make a second impression, Snowden would need to come home, make his case and face his accusers. It would mean risking a lengthy jail term, but also trusting the fair-mindedness of the American people, who, I believe, will not allow an authentic whistle-blower to be unfairly punished.

As for Putin, he blew his second impression - the reset in U.S.-Russian relations - long before he granted Snowden asylum. Dealing with Putin always involved a certain trade-off for America: Accepting a degree of Putin authoritarianism in return for cooperation on global issues that mattered to us, as long as Putin "sort of" kept Russia moving toward a more open, consensual society. But the balance is not there anymore. Putin's insistence on blocking any diplomacy on Syria that might move out "his guy," President Bashar Assad, his abuse of Russian gays and lesbians, and his blatant use of rule-by-law tactics to silence any critics mean that we're not getting anything from this relationship anymore, nor are many Russians.

But rather than punch Putin in the face, which would elevate him with his followers, it would be much better to hit him where it would really hurt by publicly challenging the notion that he is making Russia strong.

Here's what Obama could have said when asked about Putin last week: "You know, back in 1979, President Putin's brutal Soviet predecessors sent us Sergey Brin and his family. As you know, Brin later became the co-founder of Google. That was Russia's loss, but a gift to us and to the world. We could not have enjoyed the benefits of search had the Soviets not made life so unattractive for Brin's family. I make that point because Putin doesn't seem in-

terested in making life attractive in today's Russia for the Sergey Brins of his generation. Putin only seems interested in sticking pipes in the ground and extracting oil and gas - rather than the talents of his own young people - and making sure that he and his cronies get their cut of the oil flow.

"Look what Putin just did. Sergei Guriev is one of the most talented of Russia's new-generation economists. He was rector of one of the few world-class academic institutions left in Russia today: the New Economic School. Guriev was a loyal, liberal adviser to former President Dmitry Medvedev, but after he co-authored a report that criticized the conviction of Mikhail Khodorkovsky, the imprisoned oil magnate, Putin's goons began to harass him. He said they even demanded his emails going back five years. (Snowden beware.) Well, in the spring, Guriev fled to France, saying he feared losing his freedom, and he says he's not going back. "Sergei Guriev, come to America. Bring your friends. Bring the members of that band Putin put in jail, Pussy Riot, too. No creative person has any future in Putin's Russia because he doesn't understand the present: There are no 'developed' and 'developing' countries anymore. There are only HIEs (high imagination-enabling countries) and LIEs (low imagination-enabling countries). That is, countries that nurture innovation and innovators and those that don't - in a world where so many more people can turn ideas into products, services, companies and jobs faster and cheaper than ever. Putin is building a political monoculture that will make Russia the lowest of low imagination-enabling countries.

"Putin prefers to rely instead on less educated, xenophobic rural populations, who buy into his anti-American, anti-gay trope that the world just wants to keep Russia down. As the revolution in hydraulic fracturing, horizontal drilling and energy efficiency spreads around the world, and oil and gas prices fall, Putin's failure to invest in Russia's human talent - which he won't do because it means empowering and freeing them from his grasp - will become a big problem for Russia."

That's what I would have said. Do we lose anything by not having Putin's help? You bet. Those who say we don't need Russia are wrong. There is no major problem in the world today - Syria, Afghanistan, Egypt, cybercrime, climate or drugs - that would not be easier to solve if the U.S. and Russia worked together. (It's why I opposed NATO expansion.) But running against America is now essential to Putin's domestic survival.

So there is no sense wasting more time with him. While he will not help us, he can't do us serious harm. He can and is doing serious harm to Russia, by putting loyalty to him before competence. Any system that does that for long, dies.

You can Google it.



Summers Of Our Discontent



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WASHINGTON - I have no doubt that Larry Summers can speak truth to power. Indeed, I've seen him yawn at power.

Once, when Vice President Joe Biden was talking to a small group at a holiday party, Summers yawned, checked his watch and walked away while Biden was in midsentence.

While he's not exactly socialized - he had a lot of unhappy colleagues when he ran the Obama White House's economic team - I have no doubt that Summers is genuinely smart and gets some credit for the policies that produced the recovery. I'm sure the imperious economist is more mellow than he used to be, because life has taught him he has to be. But the idea that it is somehow historically inevitable that the chairmanship of the Federal Reserve should go to Summers, that it belongs to him, that he would be an enthusiastic enforcer of bank regulation to protect the little guy?

I have my doubts.

This idea is being pushed by the boys' club around President Barack Obama, and also by the bullying cool kids, some of the Wall Street types like former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin who paved the way for the country's ruin. Larry's loyal former protégée Sheryl Sandberg aside, it evokes

a sexism of complacency - just a bunch of alpha males who prefer each other's company and who all flatter themselves that they're smart enough to know how smart Summers is.

These days, it's impolite to mention that all those cool bankers that President Cool didn't punish enough brought the country to the brink of disaster.

One person unafraid to recall it is the Divine Miss M, who has been trashing the Disheveled Mr. S in tweets last week, picked up by Washington Post economic columnist Neil Irwin.

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HUH. The architect of bank de-regulation, which turned strait-laced banks into casinos and bankers into pimps, may be next Head Fed: Summers.

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Larry Summers, Mr. De-Regulation, has never stepped forward to say ... "Oops! My bad!"

Even Bill Clinton has offered an "oops," saying he got bad advice from Summers and Rubin.

In the late 1990s, when the precocious Brooksley Born, then chief of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, wanted to publicly examine derivatives, Summers, who was deputy Treasury secretary, worked with Rubin and Alan Greenspan to block her.

Michael Greenberger, a University of Maryland law school professor and former Born lieutenant, told The Post that Summers called and said: "I have 13 bankers in my office, and they say if you go forward with this you will cause the worst financial crisis since World War II." Instead, these bankers were behind the policies that caused the worst financial crisis since before World War II.

As The Times reported this week, when the 58-year-old Summers came to the Obama White House, he was worth \$7 million; when he left at the end of 2010, he "jumped into a moneymaking

spree" at a hedge fund and at Citigroup - a bank rescued by a government bailout - so he could be a gazillionaire by the time Ben Bernanke retires and the job is open.

His stuffing of his pockets within hours of leaving the White House job now makes it unseemly for him to lead the Federal Reserve in enforcing the important new regulations from the Dodd-Frank financial reform bill.

He is an exemplar of, rather than a solution to, the obscenely lucrative revolving-door problem mocked by Mark Leibovich in his new book, "This Town."

The Fed is entering a new era when it is supposed to be getting tough on the banks, even if it means that the banks are smaller and less profitable and that shareholders make less.

Sure, Summers, the son of two economists and nephew of two Nobel laureates in economics, has a high IQ and inspired a great cameo bit in "The Social Network." But there has to be somebody out there to run the economy who wasn't a part of the culture that ran the economy into the ground.

Janet Yellen, the Fed's vice chair, has generally been more publicly aligned with Bernanke than Summers has been in using monetary policy to revive the economy. If the president passes over the trailblazing and more temperamentally stable Yellen to appoint Summers, he'll be giving Larry some vindication on his infamous critique of women that helped get him ousted as president of Harvard - a job he got thanks to Rubin.

Does the fact that we've had no female Fed chairs and no female Treasury secretaries mean that Summers was right when he said women are less likely to have the kind of brains that would allow them to get top jobs requiring math skills?

Is that what makes Larry Summers so brilliant?

Umpires relish the call to Little League's World Series

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Chuck Latini, 62, knows an important envelope when he sees one. A veteran postal worker and Little League umpire, he found one in his mailbox in January, with a first-class stamp and a return address from Williamsport, Pa.

"All of our correspondence with Little League is usually

Series, youth sports' most prestigious tournament, which concludes next Sunday. So, too, did 16 of the best umpires Little League Baseball has to offer. Like the 12- and 13-year-old players, they required skill, determination and some luck to make it to Williamsport. Unlike the youngsters, they generally took a long time to get there.

nominate umpires for the state tournament, where a panel of experienced umpires evaluates their mechanics, positioning and on-field demeanor. Those who excel reach the regional tournament, and sometimes a World Series for one of Little League's eight less-publicized divisions.

John Bell, a school super-

ed that 400 to 600 umpires with regional experience were recommended to fill the 12 positions allocated for American umpires. Four slots are reserved for international volunteers. Those who are chosen pay their way to Williamsport, but they receive a hotel room and a per diem.

"It's a humbling honor," said John Ignacio, 59, man-

stands at his son's games. Eighteen years ago, Cooper said, "a coach came by and said he needed an umpire, and I raised my hand as fast as I could."

Ignacio had been officiating high school basketball and baseball games when a colleague asked him to cover a Little League assignment. He went begrudgingly.

"I went out, got paid nothing, and I've been hooked ever since," he said.

Umpiring Little League games during the regular season can present challenges. Coaches and parents often complain about close calls. The pace of the game, played on a field two-thirds the size of a major league diamond, is rapid and tricky to follow. And boys still learning to play baseball tend to act erratically.

"They just wing it," Bell said, "playing by the seat of their pants."

That absence of pretension is what endears Little League ball to Ignacio and his colleagues, most of whom have honed their skills at clinics and umpiring schools and officiate dozens of games each season. "I think it's the last level of pure baseball," Ignacio said. "It's all about the fundamentals and fun."

Umpiring the World Series is a thrill, but it can end in frustration. The volunteers must perform flawlessly, in front of large crowds at Howard J. Lamade Stadium and millions more watching on television, or risk devastating the talented yet fragile preteenage players. Although umpires can technically work the tournament every four seasons, the number of qualified officials means that each of them might receive only one opportunity.

They do not have much time to dwell on the high stakes. The average umpire will call 12 games during the tournament's 10 days. And the sharp caliber of play makes it easy for the umpires to keep their focus. "It was incredibly exciting," Legge said of his 1996 experience. □



From left: umpires Vince Sarullo, John Ignacio and John Bell before the start of a game at the 2013 Little League Baseball World Series in Williamsport, Pa., Aug. 16, 2013. With a deep talent pool and a rigorous selection process, it takes skill, determination, some luck and a lot of patience to be one of the 16 umpires invited to work youth sports' most prestigious tournament.

(Will Yurman/The New York Times)

through a nonprofit organization permit mail," he said. "And then all of the sudden I see a first-class stamp on it, and I figured this is something special."

Latini found inside a single-page invitation to work the 2013 Little League Baseball World Series. That would have been impossible for Latini to imagine 33 years ago, when he first put on a chest protector and gray trousers because the league in Ewing, N.J., needed adult volunteers. The news, he said, left him "a little shaken."

Sixteen of the world's best boys' baseball teams traveled to central Pennsylvania to compete in the

"It would be extremely rare for someone to start at the local level and, within just a couple of years, umpire a regional tournament or even be considered for a World Series," said Mike Legge, 65, who worked the 1996 Series and is now the tournament's umpire coordinator.

The talent pool is deep, and the selection process rigorous. Ambitious umpires must first demonstrate to local district administrators sound judgment and deep knowledge of the game's rules. They also must prove that they have not accepted money during the Little League regular season.

The local administrators

intendent in Pennsylvania who is making his inaugural appearance at Williamsport, officiated the 2002 Big League Girls Softball World Series.

"An old-timer once told me, 'Get to one of the other World Series, do well enough that you get picked to be on the championship crew, don't screw up on ESPN, and then you'll be on a 10-year waiting list to get to Williamsport,'" Bell, 46, said. "For me, it was 11 years."

In 2012, more than 7,000 Little League programs hosted games, a vast majority of them in the United States. From those domestic leagues, Legge estimat-

ager of an auto parts company in Clarksville, Tenn., who was selected this year. "It's certainly not taken lightly by Little League umpires."

The new American crew - including a woman - started umpiring for disparate reasons. Bell started as a 16-year-old; he had exhausted his Little League eligibility the year before, and he could not stand the thought of spending a summer away from his favorite sport.

Chet Cooper, 55, a professor at Youngstown State University in Ohio who worked last year's tournament, disliked the overbearing parents in the